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Goshen, Indiana

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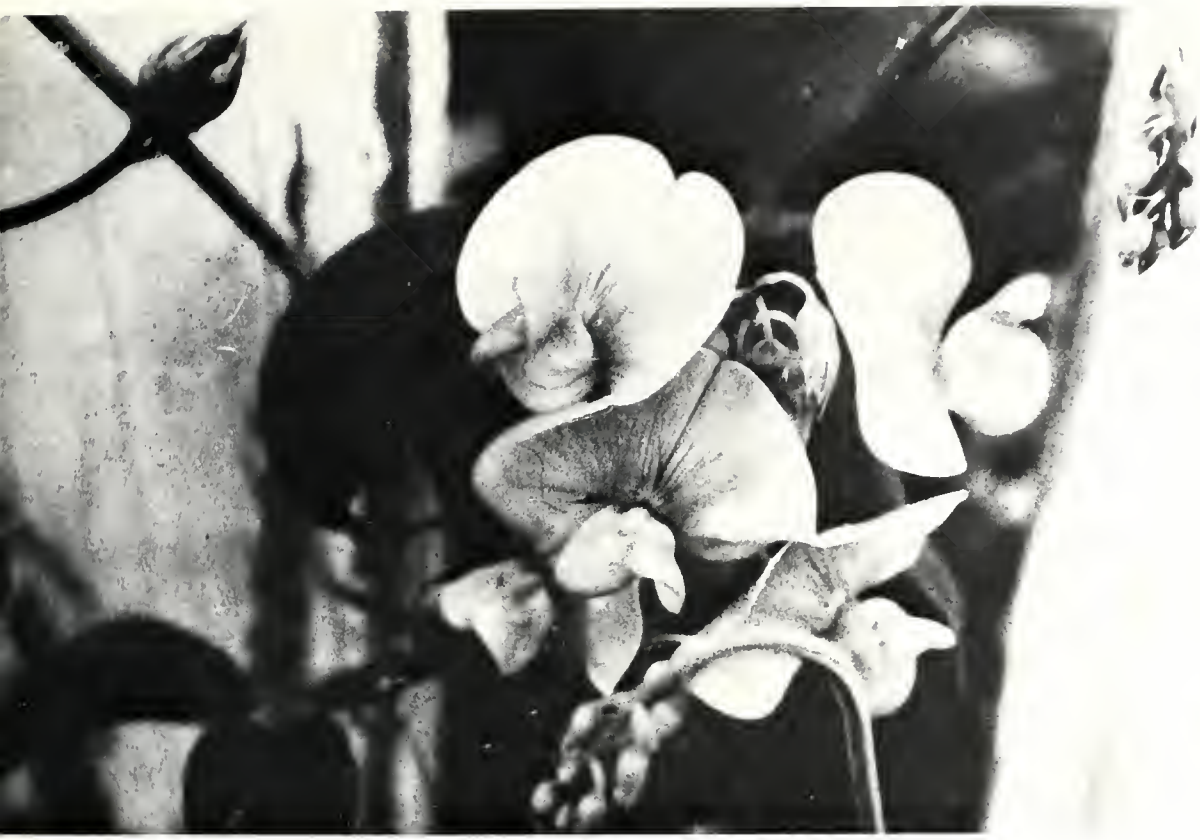
Growing, stretching, striving to become
all that we are intended to be;
It is the pulse of the heart
and the lifebeat of the soul.
It is the sap running through our veins,
bringing new life to every tip of our beings.

Each plodding mundane detail of living
holds opportunities for growth,
if only we will let it.
Each moment brings the potential
of new life
and the hope of bringing us closer
to our promised purpose.



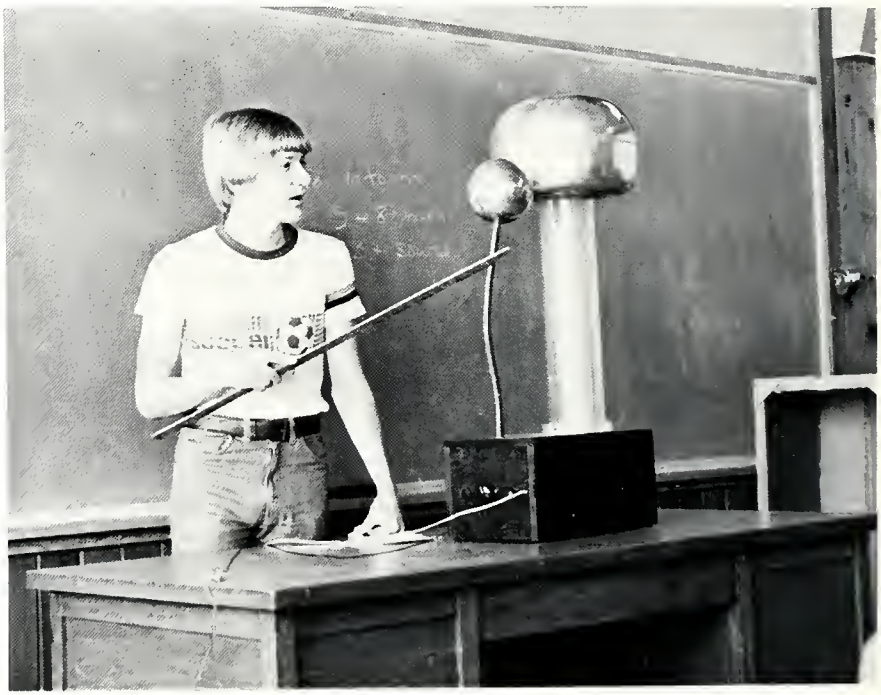
Looking back into the cloudy recesses of days gone by
We see our blunderings
    and feel the aching pains of loneliness;
And also find the times
    when we were living fully,
    ourselves becoming.

ACADEMICS

English

Devon Schrock; BA, MA; English

Val Gross



Eric Miller

Ev Thomas; BA; English

Donald Lanctot; English Major, Goshen College; English

Janelle Diller; BA; English, Social Studies

Nina Lanctot; B. Ph; English, Social Studies

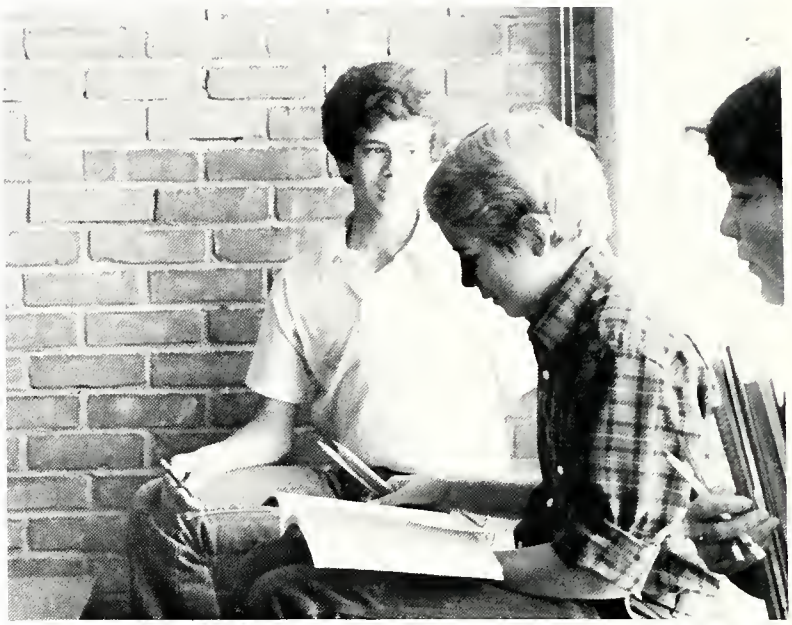
There has been an amazing abundance of English teachers at Bethany this year for several reasons. Senior English enrollment was much higher than expected, so Donald Lanctot taught one section during the first semester. Ev Thomas, who taught at Bethany several years ago, stepped in when Devon Schrock had a serious accident in late November that disabled him for several months. This year also marked the beginning of a more structured English curriculum. Freshmen took a survey course of different areas of English, including language history, grammar and journalism. Sophomores spent the year writing essays, giving speeches and studying literature. Juniors read the works of American literature from the Puritans through the 20th Century writers. Seniors discovered the great treasures of English literature and the frustrations of college preparatory work.

German

Thomas Charles

"Frau Gross, können wir singen?"
"Nein. Wir müssen viel arbeiten."

And so starts another German class. Although any foreign language takes an effort to learn, German, with its multitude of word endings and genders seems especially designed to torture the high school student. Still, progress is made and after a while, one begins to communicate in the second language. A few enterprising souls are able to realize the dreams of every German student, understanding the Asterix comic books in the German room.



Jerry Martin and Lorne Dueck

Irene Gross; training in Switzerland; German

Spanish

Allen Peachey; BA: Spanish

Spanish II

Spanish I

For one hour every week day we COMPLETELY forsake our native language. During this time, the elite of the class converse in Spanish while the rest of us struggle to distinguish past participles from the past perfect form.

Not just anyone can teach Spanish. It takes a special kind of person who can articulate well in both languages, possesses infinite patience, and is able to perform Oscar-winning dramatizations. Al Peachey is just this man. Without him we would all be lost in this endless jungle of . . .

The fact that we ARE learning is indeed a testimony to his teaching ability. We often feel that our personal progress is tortoise-like. But Peachey keeps us going in the right direction, and with his gallant efforts, we may even make it through to next year.

Bible

Without a basic understanding of the Bible and the insights of other Christians, it is impossible to know how we are to live. Bethany's Bible program strives to give students the education needed to live a Christian life in the world today.

First, a general knowledge of the Bible is established. Freshmen and sophomores generally take courses dealing with the Old and New Testaments and the Church. Later, in the junior and senior years, students study the history of the Church and contemporary issues facing Christians.

Susan Sleeper

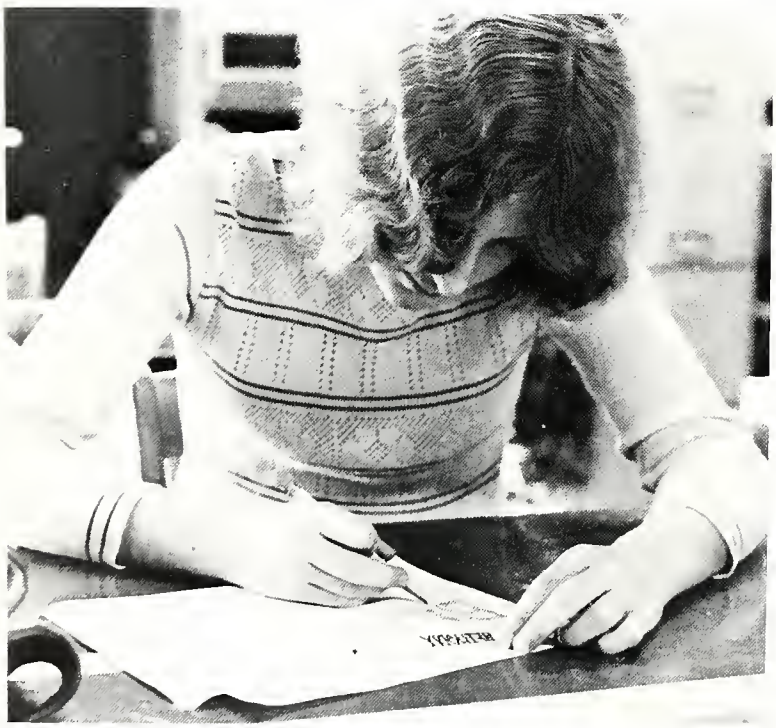
Marvin Yoder and Doug Rheinheimer

Kathy Meyer labors over her Church History paper

Marvin Yoder; BA, M Div; Bible and Religion

Christine Eash

John Bixler



Deborah Augsburger

Timothy Stern

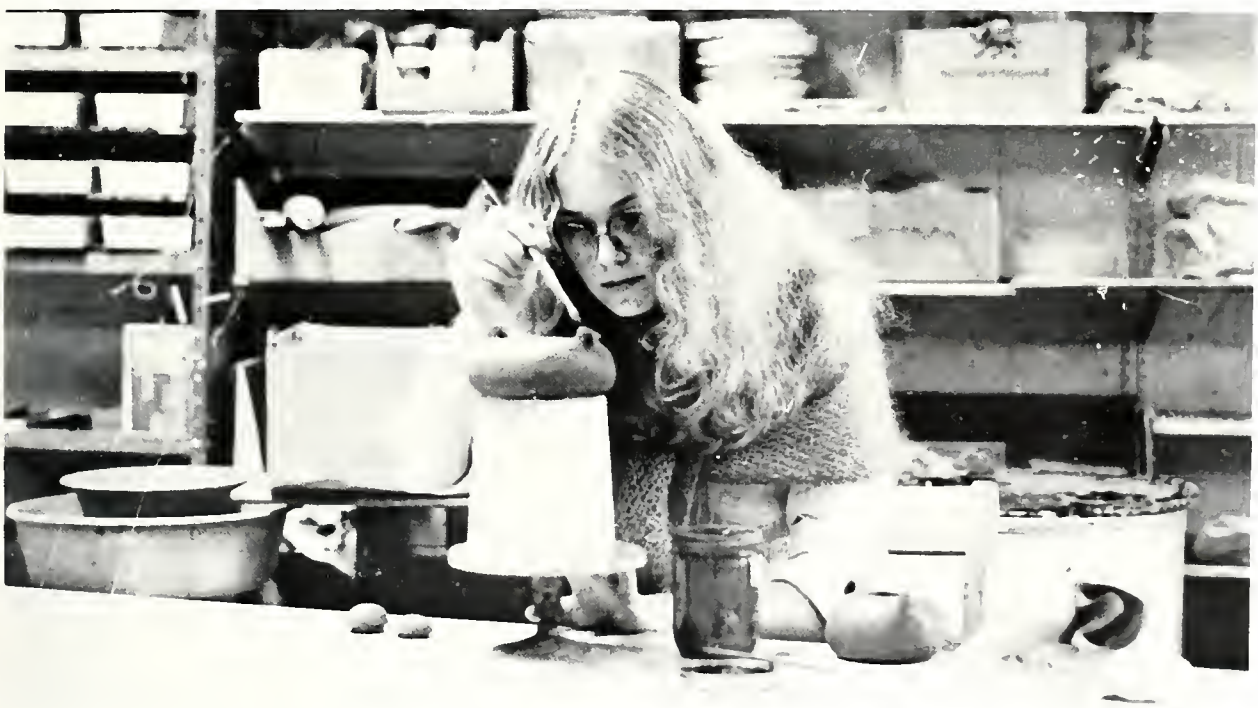
Mabel Nisley; BS; Art

Art

Art is with us every day, in many different aspects we often fail to recognize. As such, we tend to take it for granted. Art students don't. Because they are concerned with learning new concepts and designs, they can teach the rest of us to look at our surroundings in a new way and notice the beauty that we often pass over.

Art is the creative expression of the artist. Life, like any individual, presents his unique perception of reality. To understand and appreciate the artist's expression, we must learn a little of the artist himself.

The art department keeps the rest of Bethany in touch with its work in several ways. The Arts Festival is the main opportunity to display the student's achievements. Yet throughout the year, colorful showcases and exhibits also add interest to the hallways and provide an opportunity to display the work of students deserving recognition.



Nele Schmidt

Concert Choir

Concert Choir

Row 1: Rik Troyer, Thomas Charles, Dale Snyder, Roger Kurtz, Kent Hershberger, Rene Maust, Jonathan Eash, Ron Leatherman, George Smith. Row 2: Cliff Miller, Todd Lederman, Eric Mumaw, Ken Hochstetler, Dave Birky, Ken Hollinger, Loren Hostetter. Row 3: Lois Stoltzfus, Jacque Boyer, Marla Graybill, Susan Loy, Lorna Schwartzentruber, Cindy Hartzler, Donita Schwartzentruber, Anita Maust, Marcia Slabach, Barb Helmuth, Mary Lehman. Row 4: Joy Hooley, Jane Miller, Dianne Kehr, Karen Miller, Lorrie Morgan, Renette Yoder, Richele Thomas, Deb Weaver, Ruth Weldy, Krista Miller, Cindy Troyer. Not Pictured: Pam Bechtel, Rachel Miller.

Joy Hooley, Lorna Schwartzentruber, Cindy Hartzler

Diane Schrock; BA; Music

Rik Troyer, Todd Lederman, Loren Hostetter

Concert Choir is a select group of forty voices. The number is limited because of participation in Choir Festival each spring.

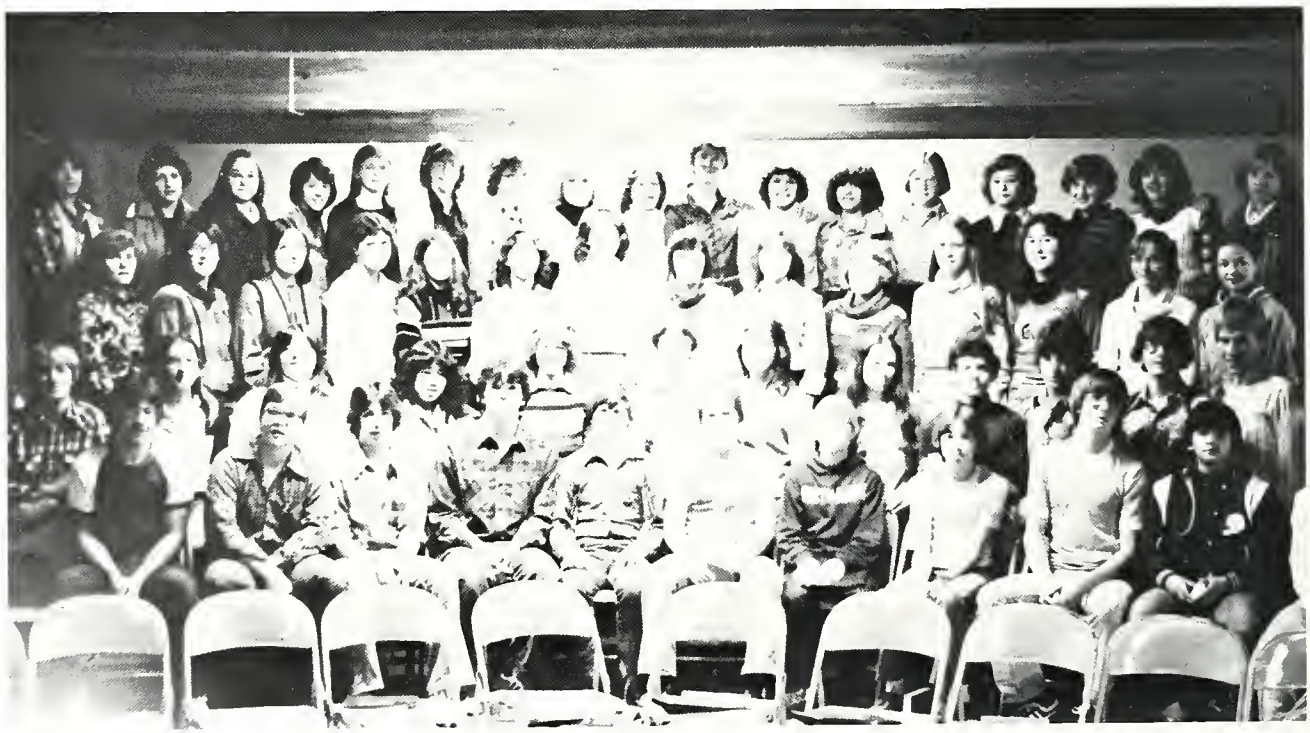
Each year, as the choir gathers in the fall, those involved pull their rusty voices out of the closet and chug gaily away to the tune of infamous little warm-up exercises. Yet all the tediousness is rewarded by the sounds of Handel and Sateren that are eventually produced.

Bethany Chorale

Bethany Chorale is a choir composed mainly of freshmen and sophomores, although it is open to all students. The size of the choir is unlimited. This accounts for the large group of talented singers who flock to the chapel third period to make music.

Under the hands of a capable director, individual voices work together to produce a unified, harmonious sound. Achieving this goal takes concentration, determination, and, because the choir is so large, lots of co-operation.

Bethany Chorale



Row 1: Terry Brandeberry, Randy Miller, Wes Graber, Paul Steury, Lee Leatherman, Bruce Buller, Ron Schmucker, Brian Floss, Roger L. Bontrager, Reuben Reyes. Row 2: Scott Slabaugh, Rachel Hochstetler, Cathy Kucinskas, Soo Hyang Chae, Stacy Haines, Barb Meyer, Linda Eckert, Janell Martin, Jerry Martin, Rod Schmucker, Greg Sommers, Steve Strasser. Row 3: Julie Fetz, Charlotte Yoder, Mary Gingerich, Diane Steury, Karen Mishler, Dawn Metzler, Lynette Hochstetler, Denise Slabaugh, Ann Minter, Karen Yoder, Karla Yoder, Linda Hochstetler, Jeannie Hochstetler, Maria Lehman. Row 4: Connie Miller, Roz Brenneman, Grace Hochstetler, Joyce Tyson, Belva Keene, Jenny Miller, Renee Yoder, Cheryl Bontrager, Virginia Bontrager, Carla Inbody, Kendra King, Suzan Lehman, Anne Bender, Carla Gunden, Tami Walters, Judy Augsburger, Zondra Nussbaum. Not pictured: Brenda Chupp, Val Gross, Tyrone Hunt, John Metzger, Vi-Etta Miller, Beulah Perkins.

hamber Singers: Row 1: Randy Miller, Dale Snyder, Lois Stoltzfus, Ken Hochstetler, Pam Bechtel. ow 2: Mary Lehman, Lorna Schwartzentruber, Doni Schwartzentruber, Ruth Weldy. Row 3: Jonaan Eash, Rene Maust, Dave Birky, Barb Meyer, Val Gross, Krista Miller.

Chambers

Chamber Singers is an extra curricular singing group at BCHS directed by Diane Schrock. Any member of Bethany Chorale or Concert Choir is eligible to try out. This year the group consists of 9 girls and 8 guys.

Besides singing in several church concerts and Bethany's various choir concerts, this year's Chamber Singers all took part in the production of "Amahl and the Night Visitors" in the fall of 1978.

Carla Gunden and Janell Martin

Ron Schmucker and Bruce Buller

Orchestra

Last fall the orchestra began the year with high expectations. Enrollment was the highest ever and for the first time the winds met as a separate ensemble. But with the limited instrumentation in the wind section, it was difficult for them to play music together. So during the second half of the year, more time was spent playing as a full orchestra. The strings and selected winds continued to play in the combined BCHS-GHS orchestra. It was a year of experimentation and change, which required flexibility from the members. But it was also a rewarding year, since the music played was exciting and challenging for most of the players.

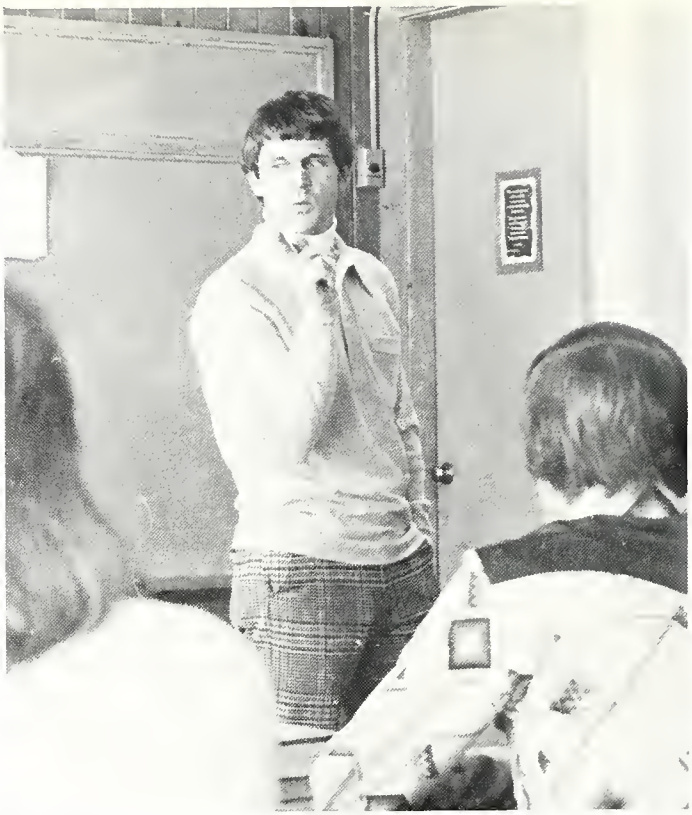
Sam Martin; BS; Orchestra

Terry Brandeberry and Lee Leatherman

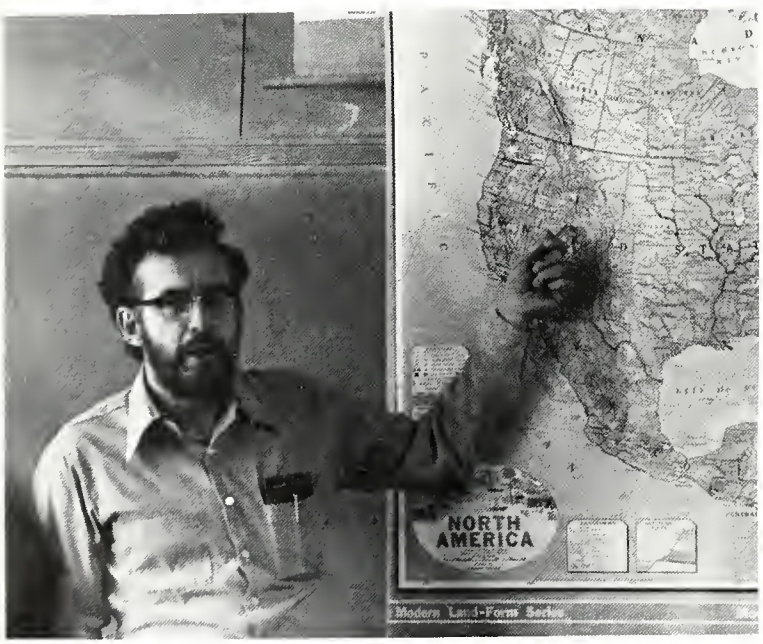
Randy Miller

Julie Reimer

Row 1: Carla Inbody, Anne Bender, Susan Sleeper, Lorne Dueck, Diane Yoder, Todd Borntreger. Row 2: Lee Leatherman, Linda Dintaman, Dwight Schumm, Grace Hunsberger, Eric Miller, Jeryl Kolb. Row 3: Miriam Voran, Rita Hershberger, Teresa Hertzler, Jane Miller, Julie Reimer, Barb Helmuth, Sam Martin. Row 4: Barb Meyer, Terry Brandeberry, Randy Miller, Kathy Meyer, Donita Schwartzentruber, Eric Mumaw.



Mike Lambright and psychology class



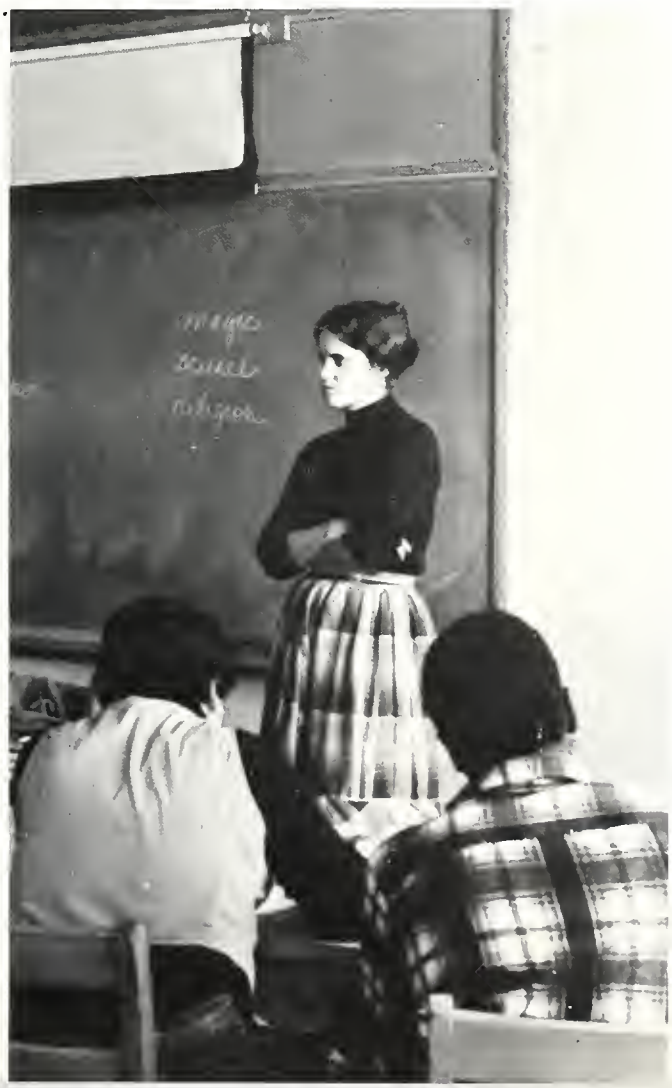
Wilmer Hollinger; BA, MA; Social Studies

Pam Bechtel

Mark Zimmerman

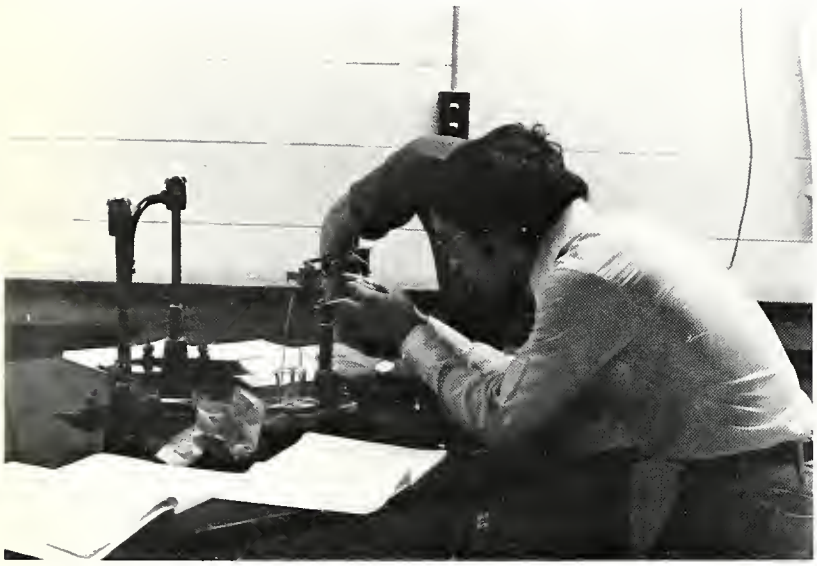
Social Studies

The interaction of man in past and present contexts forms the basis of what we study in Social Studies. Whether the course be government, psychology, or sociology, its goal is to study the reasons behind the actions, the people behind the pretenses.

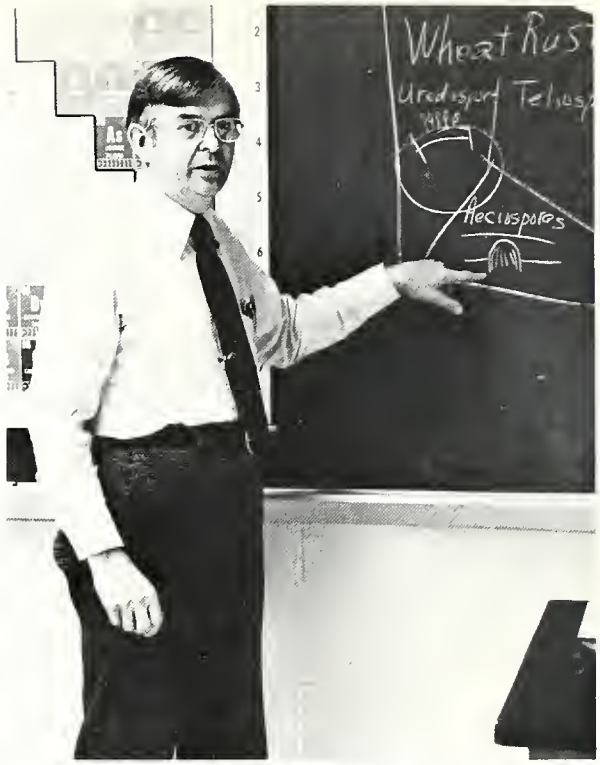


Nina Lanctot and sociology class

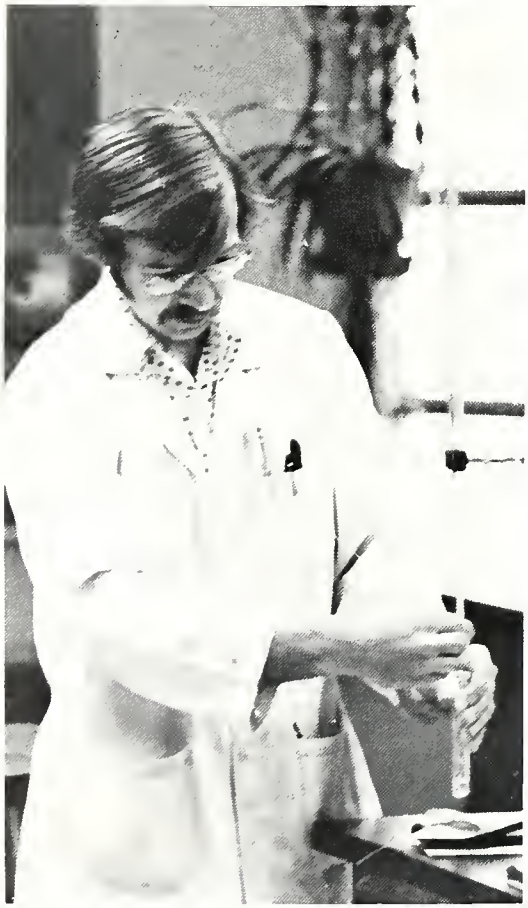
Science



Dwight Yoder



Lester Culp; BS, MS; Science, Agriculture



Roy Hartzler; BS, MS Ed; Science, Director of Curriculum and Faculty Development

Soo Hyang Chae

Science is many facts and experiences. Taken by themselves they don't seem to mean much, but when put together with the right insight, we have learned an idea that makes sense. Although progress seems slow, at the end of the term we have learned to answer the question of what makes the world tick in concrete replies.

Math

Brian Floss, John Hooley, and Dawn Kuhns

Joyce Eby; BA, MA; Mathematics

Math is more than just numbers on a page. It is a unique language used to express ideas which could not be communicated otherwise. Many of us have great struggles with math at first because we try to express ideas in another language, another thought pattern. But as time passes, math starts to make more sense and we learn to construct new "words". That is the point at which we become bilingual in a mathemaical sense and can start to use the language as a tool.

Keith Stuckey; BA, MS: Mathematics

Business Ed.

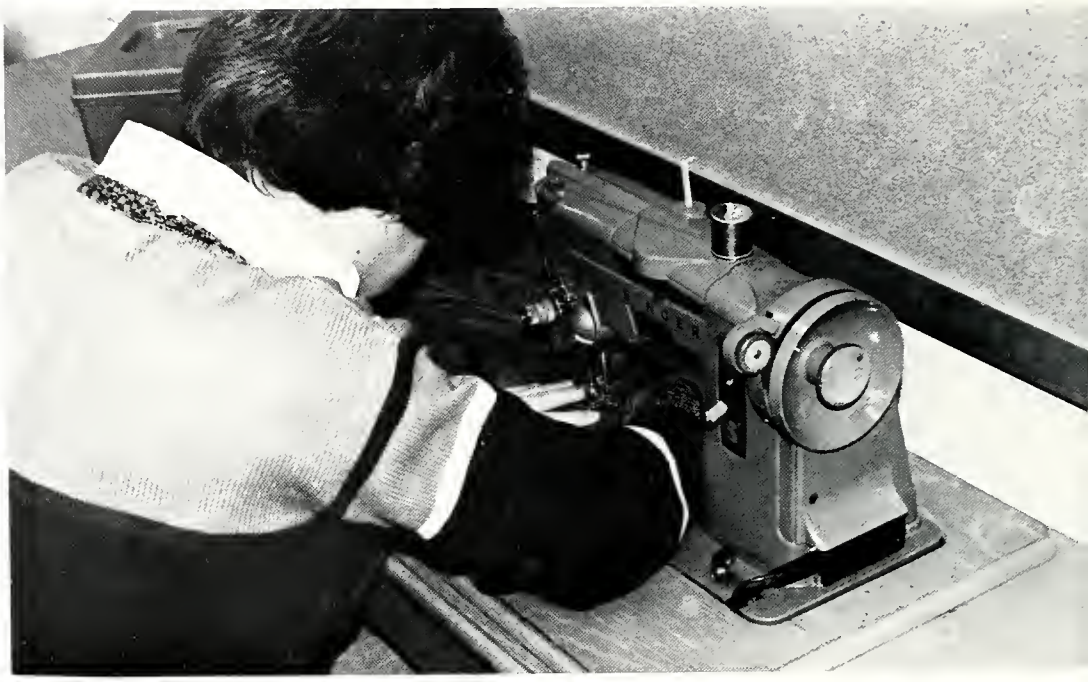
Many of us may find ourselves in the business world a short time after graduation. The business department attempts to teach us some of the basic skills needed in modern day commerce.

At Bethany, the typical future tycoon may start by learning to hunt and peck with all fingers. Those interested in secretarial skills then learn to write and interpret hieroglyphics as originated in the ancient Gregg culture. The prospective corporate head might then go on to General Business. After completing a course in basic economics and bookkeeping, the student, if not ready for his first million, will at least know what's going on in a business-related field, and will know how to keep track of his own finances.

Marcia Slabach, Sherri Martin, Lori Hershberger, and Brenda Hochstedler

Mary Swartley and Donna Bontrager

Mary Swartley; BA, MS; Business Education



Mike Howard

Elaine Clymer; BS, MA; Home Economics

Mary Lehman, Elaine Clymer, and Gail Kauffman

Connie Hoover

Home Ec.

One of the most valuable things about home ec. is that one can learn a skill and feel a real sense of accomplishment and satisfaction with oneself. Home ec. is more than just sewing and cooking. Units on recycling, interior decorating, and consumer ed. are other areas studied, to name just a few. Elaine Clymer, home ec. teacher, sees as the program's goal not only developing useful skills to make life more enjoyable, but also making students aware of an appropriate Christian lifestyle in a world of hunger and diminishing resources.

A new course was added this year called Bachelor Living. Looking down the road, it is possible that at some future date all home ec. classes will be coed.

Susan Lay, Cathy Kucinskas, and Kim Shank

Wilbur Hershberger and Michael Gingrich

Wilbur Hershberger; BS, MA; Industrial Arts

Dwight Schumm

Industrial Arts

Mark Christner

Jeff Sluiter

For the person who loves to work with his hands; for the one who likes to take things apart to see how they work and put things together in a semblance of order; for such, is industrial arts class. The skills learned in an industrial arts class can be applied to a job in industry or the maintenance of one's car, or used as an outlet for one's creative energies.

Our physical bodies are wonders and even mysteries to modern science. After centuries of study, man is only beginning to understand his complex functions. The body's capability for self-repair and rejuvenation is unrivaled by the engineering of today. However, it is still not perfect. Without proper care or with abuse, our bodies can give out on us. In health class we learn the specifics of how to care for these marvelous creations.

Dan Bodiker; BA, MA; Coach, Phys. Ed., Driver Ed.

John Hooley and Brian Floss

A very noticeable change comes over Driver's Ed students from their first day (You mean you want ME to drive THIS CAR out on that ROAD?!) to their last day (parallel parking--yawn--I did thirty during first period). Somewhere in between, the future drivers find out what to do and not to do out on the road. Defensive driving is emphasized both in practice and in theory. Defensive learning is also emphasized as the students learn to appreciate the instructor's "sense of humor".

Health Class

Soo Yul Chae

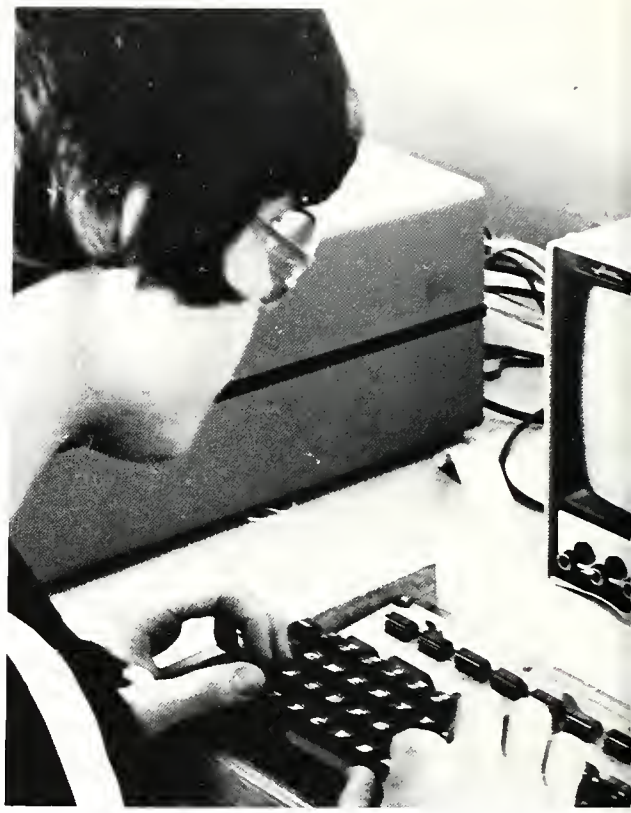
Kathy Hochstetler

Linda Shetler; BS, MS; Coach, Phys. Ed., Health

Phys Ed courses give students a chance to develop skills in a wide variety of sports ranging from wrestling to bowling, from tumbling on the mats to tumbling down snow covered slopes. In a day full of studying, the chance to work up a sweat and the exercise that P.E. offers come as a welcome relief.

Interterm

Deb Homes and Sherri Martin



Galen Graber

Jon Gingerich, Roger Swartzendruber, Ken Hochstetler, and Paul Reimer

Mary Lehman

For a week last spring, instead of going to school, Bethany students and teachers were engaged in doing such activities as backpacking, building a cabin, visiting Chicago, and learning sign language. The casual observer might ask:

"Did the heating system break down?"

"Is the administration on strike?"

"No", one must answer him, "It is merely Interterm!"

Interterm is an educational expreience apart from almost any classroom learning. It is not necessarily designed to complement school learning. Rather it gives students a chance to explore new areas and have new experiences. It is also a time for personal growth and (that all important catchword) "fellowship".

Cindy Troyer

SPORTS

GOSHEN
CAMP

Why, you might ask, are these athletes smiling? It is true that Bethany did not manage to win a track meet, yet spirits were undeniably high. With 30 or more engaged in the sport, participation increased sixfold. The team will lose only a few seniors, so the year's experience is expected to stand them in good stead for the '79 season.

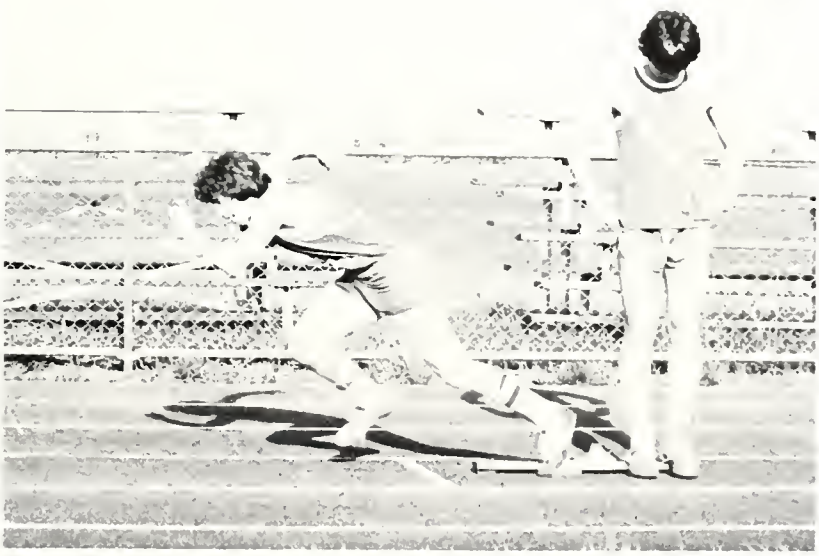
Thomas Charles and Jon Gingrich

Paul Reimer

Galen Graber

Strength in Numbers

Row 1: Mike Howard, Rod Kauffman, Tyrone Hunt; Mike Gingrich, Roger L. Bontrager, Don Brown, Brian Floss, Eric Miller, Gene Stutzman, Mark Christner, Galen Graber, John Metzger. Row 2: Coach Ed Herr, Rich Ganger, Don Diener, Jon Gingrich, Curt Yoder, Paul Steury, Eric Wininger, D. J. Stoll, Chris Yoder, Cliff Miller, Todd Lederman, Thomas Charles, Wes Parker, Paul Reimer.



Thomas Charles and Paul Steury

The Things We Do for Track

Cindy Hartzler, Janelle Witmer, Pert, Manager Brenda Chupp, Gail Kauffman, Pauline Wickey, Rachel Miller, Linda Metzler, Renette Yoder, Manager Sharla Miller, Susie Glick, Candy Bornman, Mary Lehman, Kendra King, Barb Beachey

Ten little girls
Running in a line,
One pulled a muscle,
And then there were nine.

Nine little girls
Lifting heavy weights,
One broke her collarbone,
And then there were eight.

Eight little girls
Showing off for Kevin,
One left with him,
And then there were seven.

Seven little girls . . .

This was not quite the story of the '78 girls track team, but there were some similarities. Beginning with shoveling snow off the track in order to run in February, the team progressed through the season, ending with a 2-9 record.

Gail Kauffman

Janelle Witmer

Gail Kauffman

Mary Lehman

Randy Graber

The team finished the '78 season with a 10-16 record. Some potential was not used because of conflicts with track. However, the team managed to tie Marion Bennet for top Conference honors. The team appreciated Clarence Graber's coaching assistance throughout the season.

Row 1: Coach Dan Bodiker, Soo Yul Chae, Jeff Martin, Bryan Kehr, Mark Christner, Chris Herr, Rob Ganger, Row 2: Randy J. Graber, Randy L. Graber, Bill Bufton, Barry Kauffman, Paul Steury, Jami Kauffman, Gary Bontrager.

Braves Tie For Conference

Dan Bodiker

Bill Button

Team Posts Winning Season

Ron Whiteford

Dave Birky and Roger Kurtz

Galen Graber, Dave Birky, and Thomas Charles

Row 1: Mike Gingrich, Roger A. Bontrager, Eric Miller, Rene Maust, Jay Bufton. Row 2: Thomas Charles, Roger Kurtz, Ken Hollinger, Dave Birky, Gary Bontrager, Mark Zimmerman, Rik Troyer, Dallas Sommers. Row 3: Doug Bontrager, Rob Ganger, Dale Snyder, Ron Whiteford, Chuck Hochstetler, Randy Graber, Steve Strasser. Row 4: Ron Leatherman, Jon Gingrich, Ken Hochstetler, Galen Graber.

Pre-season hopes were high for the soccer squad, since the entire offense returned from the previous year. During the course of the season, we fulfilled many of our goals, yet failed in others.

The team's nine wins, five losses, and one tie comprised the best record in recent years. The coach, Dan Bodiker, celebrated his 100th career victory in the first game of the season. Other season highlights included a 2-1 victory at Westview and the season-ending jamboree, in which we defeated both Iowa Mennonite and Central Christian.

There were also disappointments. We failed to win the conference title, lost in the first round of the state championship, and dropped a 2-1 decision in overtime to the eventual state champion, Argos.

The team placed 2 players, Galen Graber and Gary Bontrager, on the First All-Conference team, and 2 players, Dave Birky and Dallas Sommers, on the Second All-Conference Team.

Future Stars

Last fall for the first time, a coach was formally contracted for the JV team. Al Peachey led his soccer players to a 3-2-1 record.

J.V. Soccer Team: Row 1: Reuben Reyes, Brian Floss, Ron Schmucker, Lorne Dueck, Rachel Miller. Row 2: Tyrone Hunt, Jay Bufton, Randy Miller, Brent Miller, Tracy Farmwald. Row 3: Ken Graber, John Hooley, Wes Parker, Paul Steury, John Hostetter, Gordon Stichter, Coach Al Peachey.

Gordon Stichter

Jay Bufton

Harriers Start Tradition

George Graber

Row 1: Cindy Hartzler, Deb Weaver, Candy Bornman, Manager Linda Metzler. Row 2: Doug Slabach, Paul Reimer, Eric Miller. Row 3: Coach Mike Lambright, Jamie Kauffman, Dwight Schumm, George Graber.

Deb Weaver and Cindy Hartzler

This fall cross country made its debut as a varsity sport at Bethany and promises to be highly successful in the coming years. With hard work, aggressive training, sensible coaching, and a little help from the soccer squad, the team attained a 2-3 season record, highlighted by coming away from the MAC meet second in the conference. The female division also participated in the first BCHS-GHS Invitational cross country meet for girls.

M.A.C. Conference Champs

Varsity Volleyball Team: Row 1: Diana Boyts, Mary Lehman, Karla Yoder, Leslie Frasier, Rita Hershberger, Cindy Troyer, Lous Stoltzfus, Karen Krabill. Row 2: Pert, Assistance Coach Beth Helmuth, Statistician Kathy Hochstetler, Manager Donita Schwartzentruber.

Leslie Frasier

A successful season was the result of a hardworking girls' volleyball team. Because so many enthusiastic players came out this year, we were able to have a freshman team also. The varsity record totaled 13-12. This included victories at Huntington Catholic to become M.A.C. Conference champs. The J.V. also had a winning season with a record of 10-9.

Although we never tired of playing volleyball, we did need ways to get "psyched up" before each game. The varsity's version of "Macho Man" did the job quite well.

The five seniors on the team were especially sad at the close of the season. Nothing matches high school volleyball!

Diana Boyts, Karla Yoder, and Karen Krabill

Karla Yoder, Karen Krabill, Mary Lehman, Lois Stoltzfus, and Leslie Frasier

Two More Teams

Lynette Hochstetler

J.V. Volleyball Team: Row 1: Lori Yoder, Carla Gunden. Row 2: Linda Hochstetler, Michelle Smith, Barb Helmuth. Row 3: Terri Stoltzfus, Joyce Tyson, Jane Miller. Row 4: Kendra King, Lynette Hochstetler. Row 5: Manager Donita Schwarztentruber, Pert, Assistant Coach Betty Helmuth.

Lynette Hochstetler, Carla Gunden, Terri Stoltzfus, Kendra King, and Barb Helmuth

Freshman Volleyball Team: Row 1: Kelly Lerner, Manager Donita Schwartzentruber, Anne Bender. Row 2: Pert, Tracie Mast, Karen Mishler, Diana Steury, Teresa Hertzler, Martha Zimmerman, Mary Gingerich, Denis Slabaugh, Assistant Coach Betty Helmuth.

Teresa Hertzler

Kelly Lerner and Linda Hochstetler

Young Team Gets New Coach

Dwight Yoder

Gary Bontrager, Ed Bontrager, and Marc Zimmerman.

Gary Bontrager and Marc Zimmerman

Ed Bontrager

Gary Bontrager and Dave Birky

Row 1: Marc Zimmerman, Ed Bontrager, Gary Bontrager, Ken Hochstetler, John Mast, Ron Rheinheimer. Row 2: Dave Birky, Dwight Yoder, Jamie Kauffman, Chuck Snyder, Chuck Hochstedler, Coach Mike Lambright.

New Head Coach Mike Lambright came to Bethany with quite a task in front of him. With only two returning seniors and one returning letterman (a junior), the Braves experienced a classic rebuilding year. With one game remaining in the season, the team had achieved a 5-14 record.

Row 1: Wes Graber, Delton Bontrager, Ron Schmucker, Lorne Dueck, Carmen Hopkins. Row 2: Ken Graber, Doug Bontrager, Gordon Stichter, Thad Stern, George Graber, Coach Al Peachey.

Gordon Stichter and Ken Graber

Wes Graber and Ken Graber

JV, Frosh Have Successful Seasons

The JV, under Coach Dan Bodiker, ended a fine season with a 9-9 record that included a thrilling loss to Churubusco in four overtimes. The Freshman attained a 1-3 record highlighted by a win over local rival Whiteman.

Scott Slabaugh and John Hostetter

Michael Gingrich

Row 1: Arlen Welty, Roger A. Bontrager, Rene Maust, Marty Miller, Ken Graber. Row 2: Scott Slabaugh, Doug Bontrager, John Hooley, John Hostetter, Paul Steury, Michael Gingrich, Coach Dan Bodiker.

Girls Rethink Goals

Karen Yoder coached a willing, hardworking group of girls. Together they learned, above all, that winning isn't everything. They worked towards other goals, even more important than victory over the opponent: including:

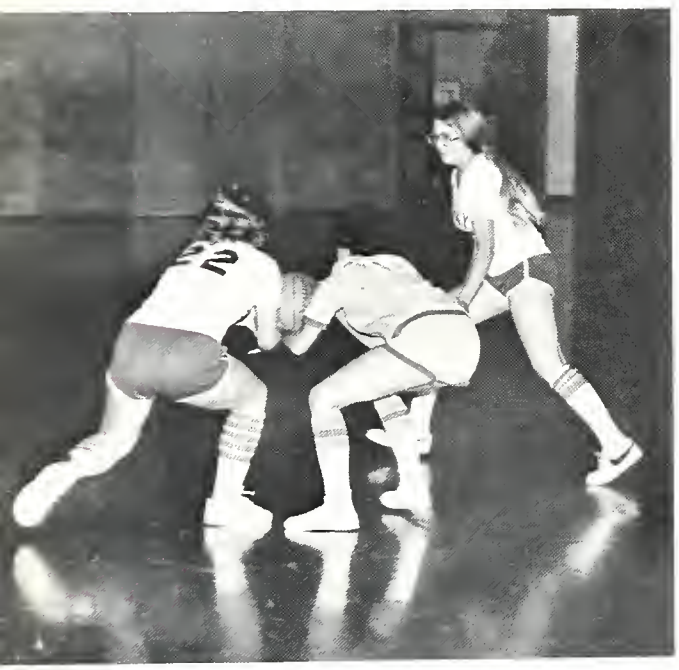
Giving 100% on the court, even though the score seemed hopeless;

Coping with frustration in the face of defeat;

Having a strong sense of unity (if we lose, we lose together!);

Remaining a determined group.

When those goals have been achieved and everyone has played her hardest, a real sense of victory is felt.



Cindy Troyer and Lois Stolzfus

Karla Yoder, Diana Boyts, and Pauline Wickey

Lois Stoltzfus, Leslie Fraser, and Cindy Troyer

Diana Boyts

Row 1: Soo Hyang Chae, Cheryl Kropf, Leslie Fraser, Dawn Metzler, Cindy Bontrager. Row 2: Coach Karen Yoder, Pauline Wickey, Karla Yoder, Diana Boyts, Cindy Troyer, Lois Stoltzfus, Maria Lehman, Manager Pam Bechtel.

Break with Tradition

Kendra King, Soo Hyang Chae, Judy Augsburger, Charlotte Yoder, Karen Krabill

Pep Session

Tami Walters, Robin Garner, Candy Bornman, Lorrie Morgan

Zondra Nussbaum, Terri Blucker, Cindy Troyer, Lori Hershberger, Linda Hochstetler, Suzan Lehman

B-E A-G-G-R-E-S-S-I-V-E!
Be Aggressive! Be Aggressive!

"Aggressive" is a good word to describe people who try to make new ideas work.

Aggressive describes the people behind the BCHS cheerleading squad experiment.

What was this new idea?

—No try-outs!

—Equal opportunity to anyone!

—Generate spirit for ALL school sports!

Ideally, this experiment would have been a Christian witness to Bethany's values. Bethany is different—and our cheerleaders should reflect that difference.

But oh, the frustrations—

—because cheerleading skills were so varied.

—because parents said we looked too different.

—Because basketball players were embarrassed.

When the going gets tough, it takes a special kind of aggressiveness to keep it going. Although a few changes were made from the oirginal idea. Pert and the squad supporters didn't give it up.

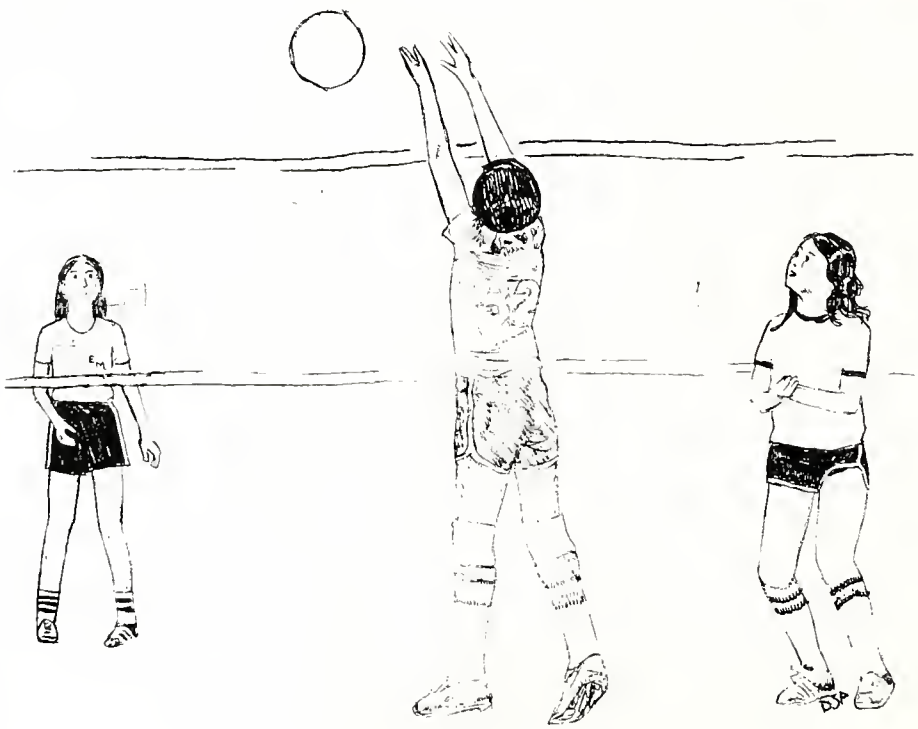
So be aggressive—Support Bethany's Aggressive People.

Jenny Miller, Terri Stoltzfus, Cindy Hartzler, Joyce Tyson, Donna Bontrager, Lynette Hochstetler

Working Up a Sweat

Intramural sports fill an otherwise empty gap. There are many people who love to play soccer, volleyball or other sports but lack the time and/or the ability to participate in one of the interscholastic sports. The intramural program emphasizes cooperation and offers good competition at a low cost in commitment.

The intramural athlete has the chance to stay active the year round. In the fall there are both noon soccer and soccer after school. In the winter, sports move inside with basketball, noon volleyball, and ping pong. In spring, the softball diamond commands the attention of many over the lunch hour. Even though many people take part in and enjoy the program, there is probably no truth to the rumor that certain potential varsity players dropped out this year in order to play in the alternate league.



Bruce Buller

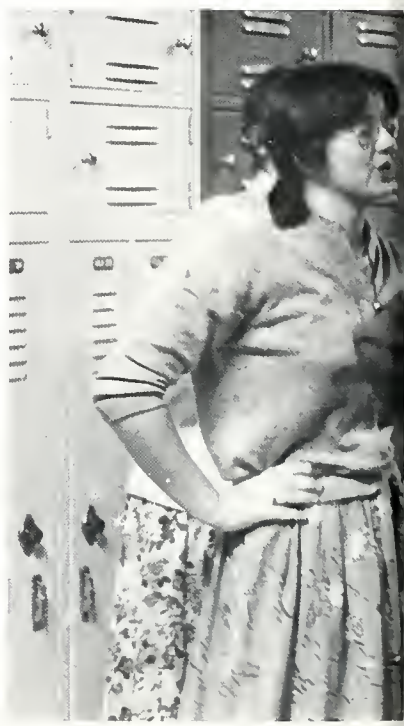
George Graber

Ed Bontrager

ACTIVITIES

An Evening of Culture

Small choral group



Linda Metzler and Lorna Schwartzentruber

Deb Klopfenstein

Near the end of each school year, Bethany's artists get the chance to share their creativity with the public through the Arts Festival.

The word "art" usually brings to mind the visual arts such as painting and sculpture. Art students had the chance to give demonstrations and exhibit and sell some of their best work. Home ec. and industrial arts students also exhibited their projects.

The performing arts were also a part of the festival. Small groups of choir members serenaded the visitors and an English class presented three one-act plays.

Sheila Koch, Carolyn Dueck, and Pat Bontrager

Mike Howard

BIC Day Revived

We pull up at the slightly rundown house and take our rakes and shovels out of the car. A graying lady with a cane answers the door. A car had hit her house. She wants us to clear the mortar out of the bushes and clean the litter out of her flower beds.

BIC stands for Bethany in Community. We recognize that there are many people in our community that need help: physically handicapped people who cannot take care of their homes, working parents who can't watch their children, and many others.

It is a hot spring morning. The lady invites us in for a soft drink. Her husband had died and she lives by herself. She had broken her hip and has still not recovered. Yet she is full of energy and puts in a hard day's work.

The community helps us in many ways. Contributing financial support, attending sports events, and buying Fish Fry tickets, to name a few. It's only fair that we return the favor.

She reviews our work and the last few details are taken care of. "What do I owe you? How much shall I pay?"

"Don't worry about it. Getting off from school is payment enough."

We load up the tools and leave. We have already been paid in full.

Miriam Voran and Ruth Weldy

Karla Yoder and Bernie Barrance

Eric Miller

Robin Garner

Students Work for Van

Work Day dawned this year as a cold and rainy autumn day. Students worked throughout the day raking leaves, digging ditches, and performing various other tasks. The wages they earned totaled well over $6200, which was spent for two projects selected by the students. The first $4500 went towards a new van. A matching fund for the vehicle was donated by a farmer and a businessman. The rest of the money went into the SBA treasury to support the ICYE program.

Lynette Hochstetler

Stairway to Heaven

Amidst a dark, candlelit room with stars and planets in the heavens, the tables were set with stars and students. The theme of the annual Junior-Senior Banquet was "Stairway to Heaven". After dinner and the Goshen College Players' presentation of "The Boar" by Anton Chekhov, the evening was open for a variety of less organized activities.

The banquet brought up some controversy. Many disliked the pressure to find a date, and felt that it would have been more appropriate to sign up for tables in a group instead of by couples. Some did; some didn't. However, the occasion was, on the whole, still enjoyed as a festive, special event.

Barb Helmuth, Kathy Hochstetler, and Cindy Hartzler

Deborah Sowell and friend

Randy Graber and Roz Brenneman

Emcee: T.C.

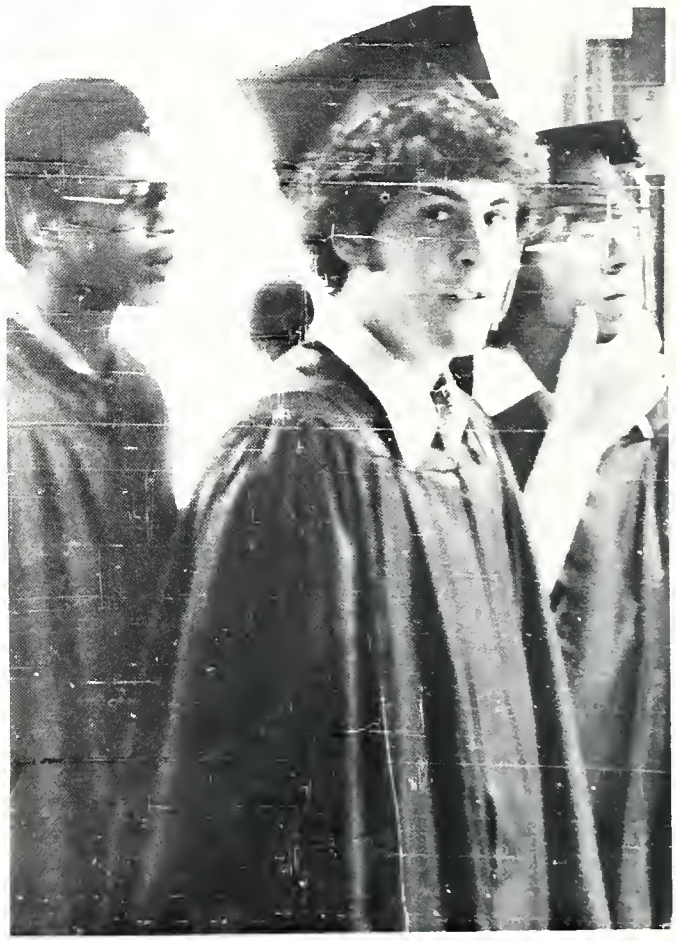
Candy Bornman and Rene Maust

Audrey Roth

As we graduate, let us expect suffering in change. We need to learn to depend completely on God for fulfillment. Next year will inevitably bring with it hard times: concerns about college debts, frustration with jobs, and times of being alone.

But now, let's stop. As we are parked at the boarder between the familiar and the unknown, let us kiss our high school experiences goodbye. This doesn't mean that we regard our experiences as worthless, but that we release the past, and in so doing, are freed to move on into change.

—excerpt from Audrey Roth's graduation address



Fred Shaw, Bill Bufton, and D.J. Stoll

Crossing the Border

Julie Wenger and Eric Winniger

Seniors Make Big Catch

Fish fry leadership: Wilmer Hollinger, Dale Snyder, Lorna Schwartzentruber

Ruth Weldy and Dave Birky

Eric Jeschke

Two fish fries netted two-thirds of the expenses for the senior class trip. Although many weeks of preparation went into the fish fries, most people saw only the two long evenings. The evening seemed even longer last fall as the people came, in what one sponsor described as, the largest crowds he could remember.

The whole operation was run by students and class sponsors, including Wilmer Hollinger, who agreed to help out with the fish fry. Parents also gave invaluable assistance baking pies and working at the two fish fries.

Parents lend assistance

Seniors Descend on East Coast

As one student says, "Senior trip is probably the 'funnest' week of one's life." Everyone agrees that the trip gives seniors a needed break from their studies and the rest of the school a welcome relief from the seniors. It is also an opportunity for the class to get to know each other better.

This year's senior class took a whirlwind tour of both Washington D.C. and New York City. Between October 30 and November 4 the class visited the usual number of tall buildings, monuments, and historical sites. Although one could not exactly describe the seniors as well-rested on their return, it was decided that the trip was well worth its weight in aspirin.

Rachel Miller and Deb Weaver

Elise Martin

John Metzger

Kim Shank

Jonetta Britton and Lester Culp

A Tradition Revived

It had been four years since Amahl and the Night Visitors, a one-act opera written by Gian Carlo Menotti, was last given at Bethany. Try-outs were over and we plunged into practice. High school kids of the seventy's became shepherds and kings from 2000 years ago. Getting into our roles didn't happen overnight. The cries for help filled Diane's schedule and when problems occurred on stage, Janelle swung into the character herself to demonstrate.

After five weeks of practice, our last week was suddenly upon us. That week we learned that we would perform in the recently completed Goshen College Umble Center.

The weekend of December second and third came. While on stage we became wrapped up in our characters. The response from the audience gave us the feeling that we were doing a good job. Following our third and last performance, we went to the cast party feeling weary, but very exuberant.

Diane Schrock

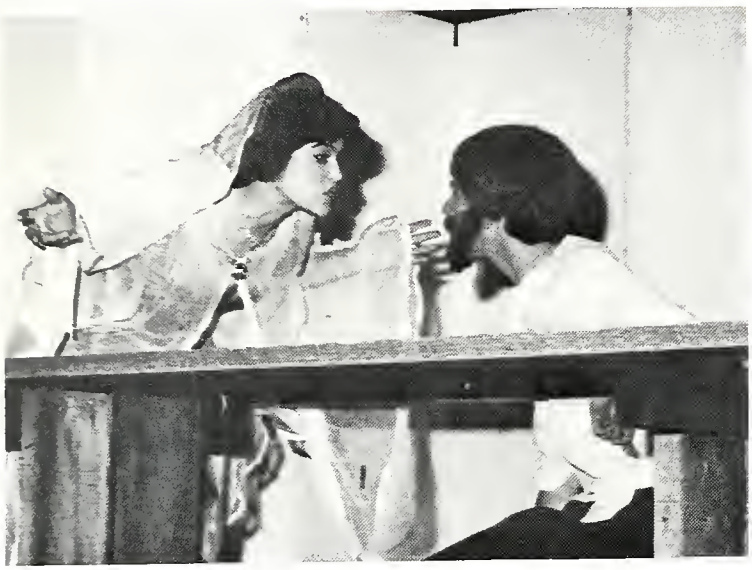
Ken Hollinger, Donita Schwartzentruber, Barb Helmuth, Dale Snyder, Ruth Weldy, Loren Hostetter, Barb Meyer, Rene Maust, Randy Miller, Jacque Boyer, Dianne Kehr, Jonathan Eash, Deb Weaver, Val Gross, Lorna Schwartzentruber, and Stacy Haines.

Lorna Schwartzentruber, Lee Leatherman, and Stacy Haines

Dancers Mary Lehman, Val Gross, Ruth Weldy, and Donita Schwartzentruber

Lee Leatherman, Dave Birky, Ken Hochstetler, and Eric Mumaw

One-Act Comedy

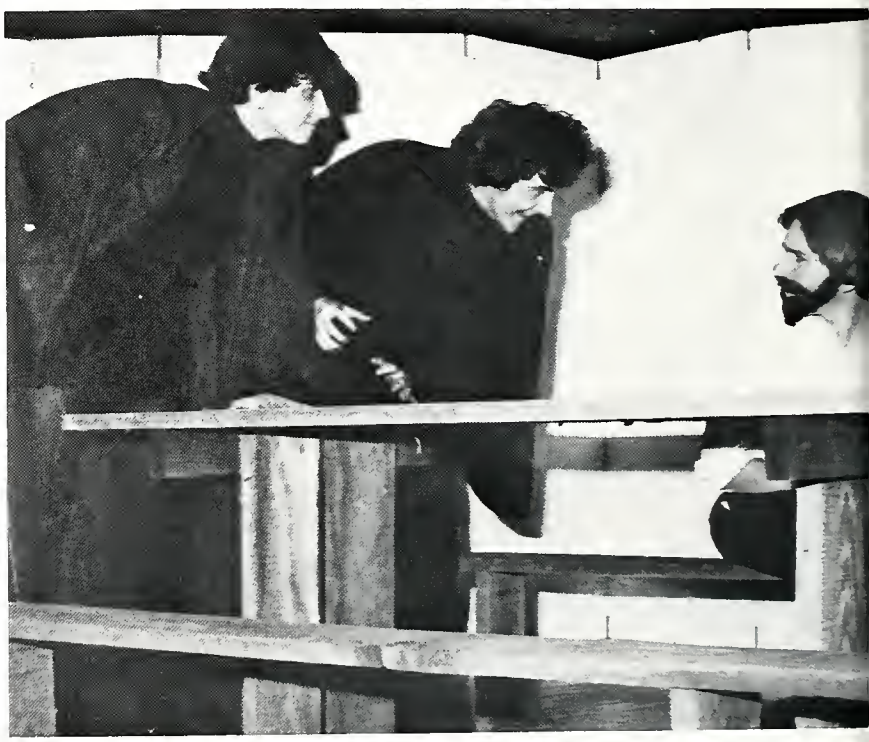


Cindy Hartzler and Kent Hershberger

Rachel Miller

In mid-January a group of Bethany students, assisted by their able director, Janelle Diller, presented the one-act play SHUT AND BAR THE DOOR. This spoof of the old-time melodrama was presented twice, once here at school, and once at Goshen College's Umble Center. The Umble Center performance was a part of the Goshen College-sponsored high school drama festival.

The cast learned their lines over Christmas vacation and then had two weeks to whip the play to a performance level. The players enjoyed the experience and aside from an un-co-operative door during the second presentation, the performances went smoothly.



Greg Sommers, Thomas Charles, and Kent Hershberger

Experiment in Learning

Diane Schrock's small discussion group

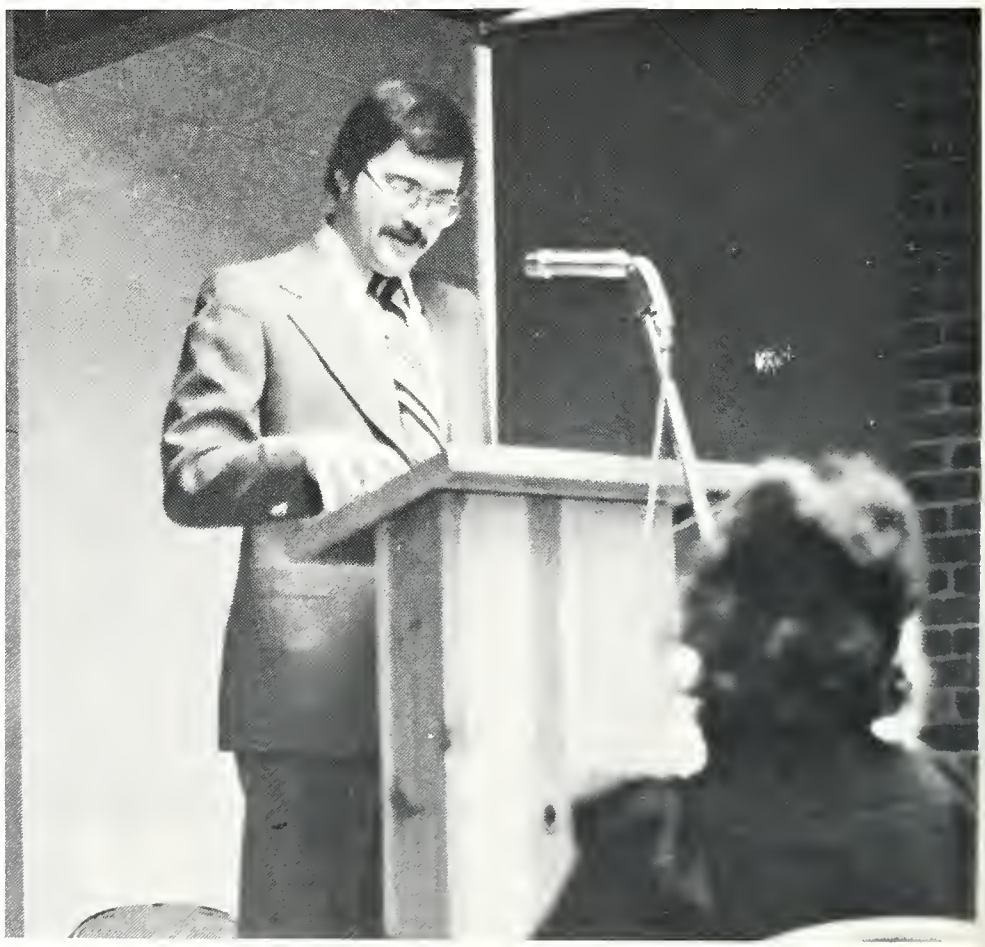
Early in the year the committee of students and faculty appointed by the administration to supplement the present counseling program sent out a questionnaire that attempted to discover issues of concern to the student body. As a result of the response to that questionnaire, small voluntary discussion groups were formed. This was a relatively new idea at Bethany. The purpose was to discuss issues that students were dealing with. Subjects ranged from study habits to relating to the opposite sex. These groups of students, each lead by a faculty member, met once a week on a trial basis for five weeks. Depending on the outcome of this experience the idea may or may not be continued next year.

Barb Meyer, Tracie Mast, Virginia Bontrager, and Julie Reimer

Enlightenment and Encouragement

The nine o'clock bell rings with more than 250 students in their places in one large room. Is it a demonstration against the administration? No, it's chapel: a welcomed time-out from a hectic morning. The twenty minutes are filled with singing, reflection, and inspiration. Speakers discuss a wide variety of topics including marriage, loneliness, and the NIV. People, from learned men to mere students, share their experiences. After it's over we are sent back to the academic rat race with those immortal words of encouragement ringing in our ears: "Have a nice day!"

Don Weaver

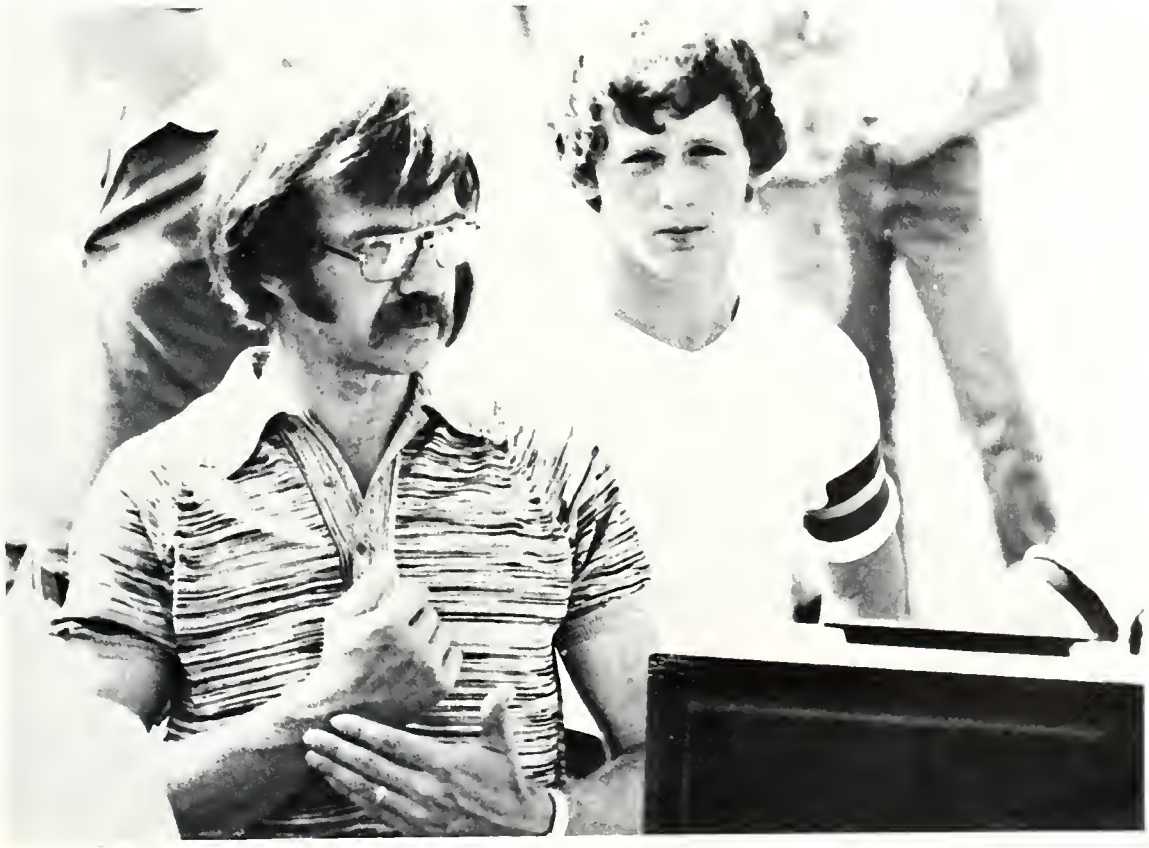


Phil Bedsworth

Elaine Clymer

Wilbur Hostetler, John Hostetter, Loren Hostetter, Mike Howard, and Grace Hunsberger.

ORGANIZATIONS



John Metzger

Tracie Mast and George Graber

The Student Body Association is composed of three representatives from each class. This year Rita Hershberger and Roger Bontrager were elected by the students to serve as president and vice-president, and Roy Hartzler and Lester Culp were the faculty sponsors.

The group began the year with a leadership retreat. Early in the year they also sponsored an all-school social filled with a variety of outdoor activites, from tricycle races to a tug-of-war. The next major SBA project was Work Day. The money earned by the students helped buy another school van. During the year the SBA also purchased new speakers for the student lounge. In early February the SBA hosted a celebration of Bethany's 25th Anniversary. The "Silver Lunch-Out" was held in the gymnasium, where the students gathered to enjoy the food, a variety of speeches, and a movie.

One of the SBA's goals was to insure that the entire student body was aware of the decisions made by the group. Throughout the year agendas of the meetings were posted on the bulletin board and any student was welcome to attend the meetings.

Student Organization Thrives

Students admire new van

Row 1: Judy Augsburger, Galen Graber, Roger Kurtz, Ruth Weldy, Michelle Smith. Row 2: Sponsor Roy Hartzler, Vice President Roger A. Bontrager, President Rita Hershberger, Secretary Karen Krabill, Treasurer Steve Strasser. Row 3: Lorne Dueck, Linda Hochstetler, Karla Yoder, John Hooley, Sponsor Lester Culp, Gary Bontrager.

Clubs

German and Spanish Club Christmas party

Spanish Club: Row 1: Kelly Lerner, Teresa Hertzler, Dawn Kuhns, Lynette Hochstetler, Terri Stoltzfus, Carla Gunden, Diane Yoder. Row 2: Kendra King, Maria Lehman, Tracy Mast, Mary Gingerich, Rachel Wise, Cheryl Bontrager, Renee Yoder, Dawn Metzler. Row 3: Linda Eckert, Jenny Miller, Soo Hyang Chae, Karen Yoder, Roz Brenneman, ViEtta Miller, Linda Dintaman. Row 4: Arlen Welty, Kent Hershberger, Ron Whiteford, Paul Steury, Al Peachey, Jeff Hartzler, Michael Gingrich, James Dodge, Mike Kucinskas.

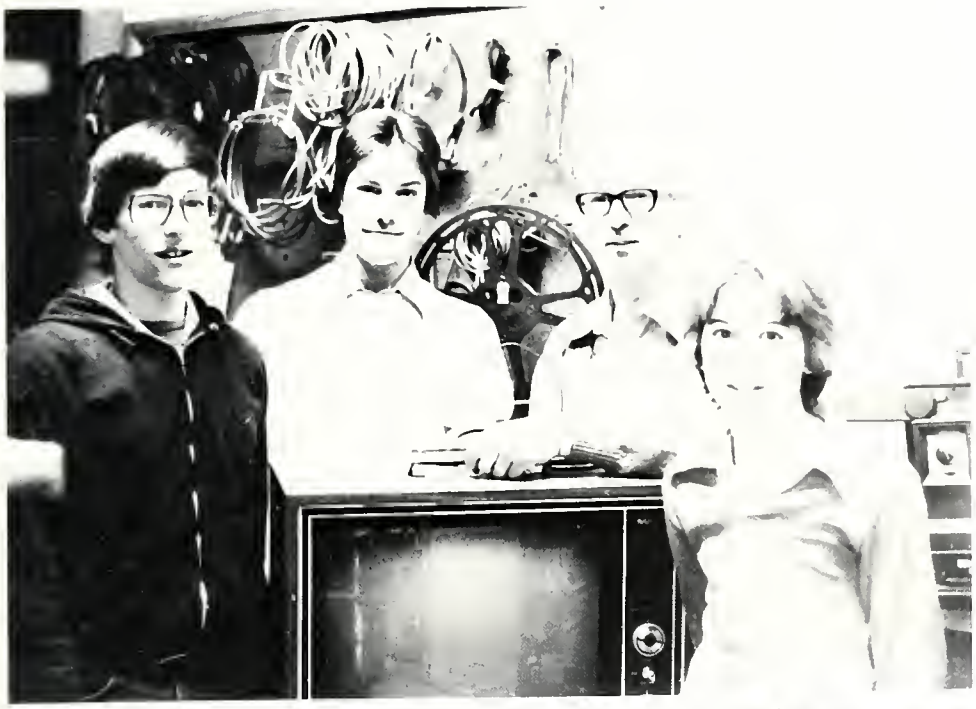
Photography Club: Row 1: Soo Yul Chae, Lester Culp, Janelle Martin. Row 2: Linda Eckert, Deborah Augsburger, Brent Miller, Tim Stern.

German Club: Row 1: Jonathan Eash, Treasurer; Cindy Hartzler, President; Donita Schwartzentruber, Secretary. Row 2: Val Gross, Jerry Martin, Krista Miller, Cindy Bontrager, Joyce Tyson, Virginia Bontrager, Rachel Miller, Barb Helmuth, Dianne Kehr, Grace Hunsberger, Rachel Hochstetler, Julie Reimer. Row 3: Denise Slabaugh, Charlotte Yoder, Tami Walters, Zondra Nussbaum, Linda Hochstetler, Anne Bender, Judy Augsburger, Lorna Schwartzentruber, Barb Meyer, Dwight Schumm, Eric Miller. Row 4: Stacy Haines, Ann Minter, Lorne Dueck, Jeryl Kolb, Reginald Bixler, Ron Schmucker, Susan Sleeper, Miriam Voran, Kathy Hochstetler. Row 5: Steve Strasser, Steve Voran, Roger Kurtz, Greg Sommers, Terry Brandeberry, Kathy Meyer, Grace Hochstetler, Irene Gross. Not Pictured: John Bixler, Thomas Charles, Larry Cherniak, Tracy Farmwald, Susie Glick, Phil Hertzler, Randy Inbody, Tim Jordan, Cathy Kucinskas, Linda Metzler, John Papes, Paul Reimer, Kahlil Schertz, Dallas Sommers, Anita Stoltzfus, Pauline Wickey.

Home Ec. Club: Row 1: Angela Fetz, Belva Keene, Connie Miller, ViEtta Miller, Terri Blucker, Corinne Slabaugh, Jenny Miller. Row 2: DiAnn Bontrager, Lori L. Yoder, Richele Thomas, Cindy Troyer, Janell Martin, Krista Miller, Cheryl Kropf. Row 4: Lynette Hochstetler. Row 5: Brenda Hochstedler, Roz Brenneman, Julie Fetz, Susan Loy, Jay Disbro, Leslie Fraser. Not Pictured: Candy Bornman, Debra Fisher, Joy Hooley, Susan Sleeper, Terri Stoltzfus, Rachel Wise, Colleen Yoder, Renette Yoder.

Angela Fetz at the Home Ec. Club hairstyling demonstration

Art Club: Row 1: Soo Yul Chae. Row 2: Brenda Hochstedler, Don Weaver, Pauline Wickey, Deborah Augsburger, Beckie Good. Row 3: Roz Brenneman, Sharla Miller, Terri Blucker, Ann Minter. Row 4: Mike Howard, Mabel Nisley, Nathaniel Regier.



A. V. Club: Kent Hershberger, Steve Voran, Royal Bauer, Brian Floss.

Librarians: Linda Metzler, Susan Loy, Beckie Good, Sherri Martin, Carol Weirich, Royal Bauer, Bill Kilburn, Michel Martin. Not pictured: Angela Fetz, Marla Graybill, Randy Miller.

Roy Hartzler

Run for Your Life

Row 1: Royal Bauer, John Zook, Dwight Schumm, Eric Miller, Pert Shetler, Roy Hartzler. Row 2: Paul Reimer, Greg Sommers, Kathy Hochstetler, Diane Steury, Candy Bornman, Susie Glick, Mary Gingerich, Linda Eckert, Val Gross. Not Pictured: Elaine Clymer, Robin Garner, Brenda Hochstetler, Jeannie Hochstetler, Bill Hooley, Kelly Lerner, Tracie Mast, Corinne Slabaugh, Steve Strasser, Cynthia Bontrager, Roger Kurtz, Linda Hochstetler, Cindy Hartzler.

Jon Gingrich

Active Peacemakers

After forming a Peace Society here at Bethany during the spring of 78, the idea really began to take hold this year. About 30 people have been involved, students and faculty alike.

Peace Society met one evening a month and discussed a variety of topics. We began the year with a look at the biblical reasons for being a peacemaker. We then proceeded to look into subjects such as hunger, nuclear arms, South Africa, and peacemaking in our everyday lives. A big project started by Peace Society was the recycling of the cans and paper used here at Bethany.

The interest in and response to the Peace Society had been very exciting as we attempt to work at our peacemaking role.

Carla Inbody and Greg Sommers

Row 1: Don Weaver, Rachel Miller, Lorna Schwartzentruber. Row 2: Kathy Hochstetler, Nina Lanctot, Linda Metzler, Deb Weaver, Kathy Meyer, Grace Hochstetler, Linda Dintaman. Row 3: Judith Martin, Stacy Haines, Deb Augsburger, Miriam Voran. Not Pictured: Thomas Charles, Joyce Eby, Jon Gingrich, Irene Gross, Cindy Hartzler, Carla Inbody, Roger Kurtz, Barb Meyer, Al Peachey, Diane Schrock, Ruth Weldy.

Messages for Today

As Christians we are especially aware of the importance of being able to share our feelings, emotions, and equally important, our questions. This can be very difficult at times. As a lifeteam, we hope to have offered some very basic solutions to help our churches be more open to sharing. Our programs hopefully enabled the churches to catch a glimpse of the problem of sharing and then take the time to develop their own solutions and courses of action.

Row 1: Kathy Hochstetler, Dianne Kehr, Marcia Slabach, Diane Yoder. Row 2: Catherine Kucinskas, John Zook, Beckie Good, Martha Zimmerman. Not Pictured: Karen Yoder.

Our lifeteam, which was led by Dan Bodiker, centered our program around parables from the Bible. With a little work we transformed them into modern-day skits. In the process of preparing these skits we found new meaning in many of the parables. We gave our program in four area churches, and during a weekend trip to Petosky and Grand Rapids, Michigan, we had the opportunity to share with two more congregations.

Row 1: Grace Hochstetler, Tami Walters, Connie Mitler, Debra Fisher, Rachel Wise. Row 2: Lori L. Yoder, Joyce Tyson, Lee Leatherman, Terry Brandeberry, Dan Bodiker. Not Pictured: Brian Floss.

Row 1: Susan Loy, Denise Slabaugh, Denise Miller. Row 2: Paul Keim, Richele Thomas, DiAnn Bontrager, George Smith. Not Pictured: Roz Brenneman, Julie Keim, and Randy Miller.

"Let's meet at Paul and Julie's Tuesday evening."

"I can't, I have to work that night."

After working through our own hectic schedules, we decided that the rat race would be our theme and settled down to some serious planning. We chose songs, created skits, spent lots of time practicing, and finally we had a program ready to present.

Being a member of a life team takes a lot of time and work, but it's a good experience. You make new friends, learn to cooperate with a group, and for some it may mean a new insight into living a Christian life.

Row 1: Eric Miller, John Mast, Paul Steury. Row 2: Linda Hochstetler, Jeff Hartzler, Kelly Lerner, Teresa Hertzler. Row 3: Pert, Judy Augsburger, Anne Bender, Zondra Nussbaum, Maria Lehman.

The theme of Pert Shetler's and student leader Linda Hochstetler's life team was "Celebrating Life." Our three-part presentation used singing and a variety of instruments as well as several skits.

One skit, "Freedom", exposed the conflict that often arises between following others and following God. "Loving Others" was a choral reading that emphasized the impossibility of loving someone else without first loving God. Another skit, "Our Many Gifts", took off from the Biblical example of the body. Parts of the body were unable to reach their own goals until Jesus brought them together.

Row 1: Reporter Dale Snyder; Layout Editor Ruth Weldy; Editor Thomas Charles; Assistant Layout Editor Rik Troyer; Assistant Editor Kathy Hochstetler; Reporters Rachel Miller and Paul Reimer. Row 2: Photographer Kathy Meyer; Typists Lori Hershberger, Lori A. Yoder, and Lorna Schwartzentruber; Reporters Joy Hooley, Dawn Kuhns, Karen Krabill, Dave Birky, and Cindy Hartzler; Sponsor Janelle Diller. Not Pictured: Reporter Roger Kurtz, Judith Martin, Barb Meyer, Julie Reimer, and Renette Yoder; Photographer Kent Hershberger; Typist Marcia Slabach; Co-Sponsor Mary Swartley.

Thomas Charles

Ruth Weldy

The publication of the REFLECTOR was greatly enhanced this year by the willingness of everyone to work. The writers, typists and photographers all did their jobs well.

Of course, there are many lighter moments in the process of publication. The adventures of Gopher Man, anti-Shah raids on the Wit room, eating at McDonalds and laughing at the editors' outrageous article titles!

Bethany is a growing school. If this year's REFLECTOR has added to Bethany's growth we can look back at the year and call it successful.

Eric Miller

As a group of greenhorn staff members we set up shop in "The IT" office near the beginning of the year. (Our W was involved in a skyjacking incident near Cuba and we still know nothing of its whereabouts.) Now, three deadlines wiser, we can look back and say "schnoostamacgurglovich", but not without a tear or two. Being part of the yearbook staff certainly adds a new dimension to one's life at Bethany. One sees snow days in a new and different light when two of them come right before a deadline as they did for us. Staffers like to reminisce about things like "free time" and "completed homework".

Miriam Voran and Deb Weaver

Row 1: Editor Miriam Voran; Darkroom Technicians Jeff Hartzler and Eric Miller; Layout Editor Deb Weaver. Row 2: Assistant Editor Judith Martin; Typists Ruth Weldy, Linda Metzler and Donita Schwarzendruber; Business Manager Dave Birkey. Row 3: Photographer Rachel Miller; Sponsor Lester Culp; Typists Denise Miller and Sherri Martin; Assistant Business Manager Kevin Yoder. Row 4: Photographer Tim Stern; Sponsor Royal Bauer; Copy Editor Paul Reimer; Sponsor Devon Schrock. Not pictured: Photographer Kent Hershberger and Typist Kathy Meyer.

We have tried to mirror the events and life at our school throughout the year. The Witmarsum is a student-run publication. However, more people are involved in its production than just those whose pictures appear on this page. You, the student, have also taken part. To those who wrote copy and those who contributed graphic arts, we say thank you. To those who helped with "menial labor" in the heat of the deadlines, we also say thank you. To those who still don't know what "schnoostamacgurglovich" means, we say it may be better for you not to know.

High Aim

John Zook, Carmen Hopkins, Ben Espinoza, Nora Chavez, George Smith, Lily Espinoza, Wes Parker, Elizabeth Espinoza. Not Pictured: Terry Bowen, Jonetta Britton, Karen Scott.

The High Aim program was started in 1968 in order to give minority youth from urban areas the opportunity for a Christian education. High Aimers face quite a challenge in adapting to a school where the vast majority of the student body is both white and coming from a Mennonite family. Different members of this program have expressed both satisfaction and dissatisfaction with it. What is certain is that all of us have a chance to grow through relating to people of different backgrounds.

Nora Chavez ▶

Wes Parker

William Wiggins

Exchangees Sent . . .

If I were to try to explain all the things I have seen, done, and learned in the first six months of my year as an I.C.Y.E. exchange student living in Finland, it would be very difficult to know just where to begin. Just as difficult would be to guess what will happen during the next six months. I would need to explain how it feels to leave home, friends, and country behind for a year. And probably you would want to hear about the traveling I have done—the big trip through Europe to Finland; and the shorter trips to Stockholm, Leningrad, and the many places of interest within Finland itself.

It would be important to write about the Ovaskas, my host family, and how helpful and kind they have been throughout the year. It would take a long time to tell you the joys and frustrations that come with trying to learn one of the "strangest" languages in the world. I would need to tell you about the Finnish school system and my experience of attending school for four months. Certainly you would have questions about the city where I live, which is the oldest city in Finland. And you would probably wonder not only about Turku, but about all of Finland as well. To explain Finland's history, culture, and politics, as well as its foreign policy and unique relationships to Russia, would all be another lecture in itself.

It would be far easier to tell you about the Christmas celebration or New Year's Day or even Finland's Independence Day. You would enjoy hearing what it's like to go to a sauna in the middle of winter, and then run down to the lake for a quick swim in a hole cut in the ice. I could write much about a hike through a pine forest on a pair of cross country skis or a swim in one of the clear, clear lakes.

If I were to explain everything, you would learn about my volunteer work in a "Vanhainkoti" or old people's home, and my work with various youth groups in the city. Of course you would be interested in hearing about the differences between American basketball and Finnish basketball.

There is much that could be said about the I.C.Y.E. organization, both International and in Finland. You would be surprised to learn how a group of 30 international exchangees can learn to function as a large family in order to plan and operate 5 different camps during the year. To try to fill you in on all the different people I have met would still be another lecture.

Any of these topics, plus many others could be expanded and described in great detail. But I don't think that even if you did understand these things I have experienced, you would be able to know what a year as an exchangee is like. So I will leave these things unexplained and instead try to express my gratitude to everyone who made it possible for me to have this experience. The things I have learned and continue to learn will be helpful throughout the rest of my life. To all of Bethany—the students, faculty and supporters . . . kiitos paljon!

Michael Troyer

"I want to talk about my relationship to you, and how I see it. I feel like I have made a barrier between you and me because of past attitudes, formed ideas, and the uneasiness of the U.S. for me after I first arrived. The past five months I have been here I have learned many things about myself, American people, American ways, and the American way of life.

At first I wanted to change some of these things, and try to make it like Germany, so that it would be easy for me to live here and not to change my old lifestyle. I felt there was no other way for me to really fit in here . . .

After a while I began to realize that the ideas I had didn't

. . . And Received

work and shouldn't work; I can't have Germany in America. and I can't live a German life in an American community. America is America—Germany is Germany.

There would be no reason in being here if I could live the same life here as I lived in Germany. Now I realize that I have to accept you all like you are, and have to find a way for myself to live here.

Since I have realized this situation, I have become open to change. But this doesn't necessarily mean becoming like you. Rather, I can live in a different country and experience a new culture, be open to listening to your ideas and see how you live and accept your lifestyle as alright.

I thought about the feelings I had, and some people told me that many of you are afraid to come and talk to me.

People afraid to talk to me? Why? I never see myself like you can see me. I never see how I move and walk around, how I talk and react. I just know how I feel! Maybe you're afraid because I'm from another country, or you think I have other expectations. I'm different, but not better than you are! I don't want you to feel that way about me. I would like to learn how you live and maybe you can learn something about my way of life.

I don't want you to take me as one of your closest friends. I just want to be accepted as one who has feelings and needs, like everybody else in this school."

I said this shortly before Christmas, and since then I have been a lot happier at Bethany. Thank you all for the experience I got from living with you at Bethany, and for the nice times.

Nele Schmidt

INDIVIDUALS

Board

As we go about our daily routine, worrying about a chemistry test or the upcoming basketball game, a largely unheralded group of people are busy solving some of our more basic problems. The Board is the guiding spirit behind Bethany, and is responsible for the financial, academic, and religious aspects of the school.

Since the debt has been liquidated, other projects that have had to wait can now start to be realized. In the past year, part of the building was reroofed, the parking lot was resurfaced and 15 acres of land were purchased. Other proposed projects still in need of funds include retrofitting the windows for energy conservation, replacing the heating system, remodeling the industrial arts building, and reroofing the rest of the building.

Row 1: Rosalie Stoltzfus, Herb Maust, Bob Miller, Dwight Greaser. Row 2: Orris Yoder, John Mosemann, Flossie Yoder, Denny Weaver, Dennis Schrock, Phyllis Stoltzfus, Gerald Wilson.

Administration

This year the administrative duties of Bethany were divided among four people. Bill Hooley, the superintendent, was responsible for the overall administration of Bethany, including managing the budget and working with the board. Mike Lambright, as principal, was concerned with the day to day operation of the school. John Zook served as Guidance Counselor, Director of the High Aim Program, and Director of Church Relations. Roy Harztler, in addition to teaching half-time, worked on curriculum and faculty development. These four met once a week to look at issues facing the school and brought recommendations to the faculty. As an administrative team they were responsible for the overall direction of things at Bethany.

Bill Hooley, BA, MEd. EdD; Superintendent

John Zook: BA, MA; Director of Church Relations, Guidance Counselor

Mike Lambright: AA, BA, MS; Principal
Athletic Director

Debt Finally Liquidated

Three years ago Bethany was faced with sliding student enrollment and a debt of $185,000, incurred over the course of several additions to the building. The board decided that something had to be done to rescue the school from the financial doldrums. They hired Roy S. Koch to head a three year drive aimed at putting us in the black once more.

Although it appears simple on paper, an extreme effort needed to be put into this task. On June 30th, 1978, Roy's work finally paid off as the last dollar was paid, right on schedule. At present, Bethany is effectively debt-free and at capacity enrollment.

With the exception of several large gifts from individual businessmen, the major portion of the fund came from alumni, friends, and parents. Giving, as well as the swelling enrollment, is a sign of increased support among the churches of the Indiana-Michigan Conference.

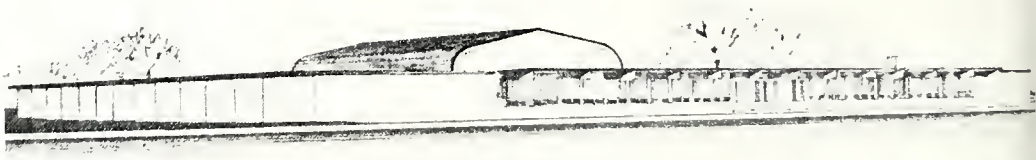
The debt is now a thing of the past. However, some projects which have been implemented this year and projected improvements necessitate a continuing level of support from our constituency. Roy is staying on as the Director of Special and Deferred Gifts to raise capital.

To all those who have contributed to this project, we extend our heartfelt appreciation.

Roy Koch hands Herb Maust the final payment on the debt.

First addition, 1957

Original building, 1954



Second addition, 1964

Staff

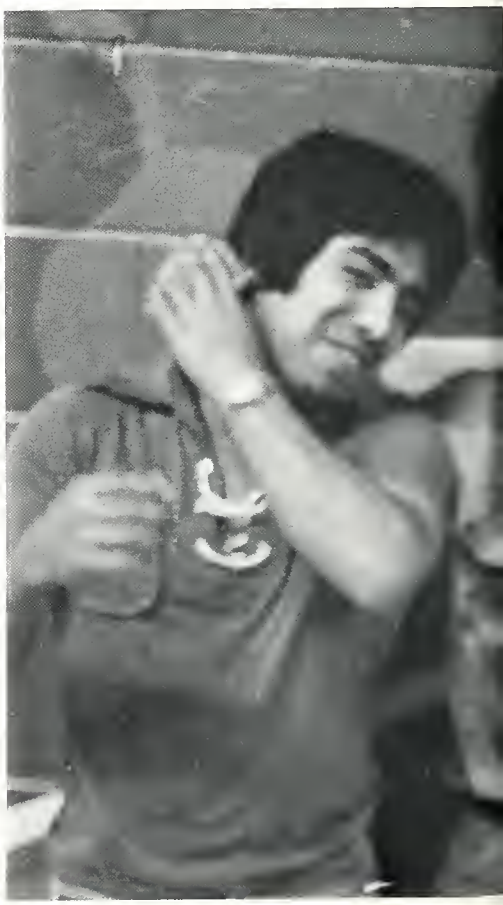
Royal Bauer; BS, ThB, BA, MRE, MLS; Librarian

Roy S. Koch; BA, ThB, BD, M Div; Director of Special and Deferred Gifts

Beverly Miller; Assistant Cook; and Genie Kehr; Head Cook

Earl Slagell; Head Custodian

Wilmetta Maust; Secretary



Gerado Mojica and Mike Jenkins; Custodians

Loretta Chupp; Secretary

Laura Metzler; Secretary

Freshmen

Ann Minter, Treasurer; Linda Hochstetler, Vice President; Maria Lehman, Secretary; Wilbur Hershberger, Sponsor; Irene Gross, Sponsor; Dwight Schumm, President.

What does it mean to be a freshman?
It means nervously walking through the halls the first day,
seeing a mass of strange faces,
and forgetting where our locker is.
Yes, these are the trials we poor, wretched creatures must endure.

But after a while, the strange faces become familiar, each with a personality of its own.
We discover the WHY's and WAY's of Bethany and begin to feel at home.

Being on the bottom rung of the ladder forces our class to feel especially close because we know we have a long way to climb.

Judy Augsburger
Anne Bender
Cheryl Bontrager

Cindy Bontrager
Delton Bontrager
Doug Bontrager

Todd Borntrager
Terry Brandeberry
Kris Brubacher

Bruce Buller
Linda Dintaman
Lorne Dueck

Benjamin Espinoza
Elizabeth Espinoza
Lily Espinoza

Angie Farmwald
Julie Fetz
Mary Gingerich

George Graber
Ken Graber
Wes Graber

Stacy Haines
Teresa Hertzler
Jeannie Hochstedler

Linda Hochstetler
Kirk Hoover
Carmen Hopkins

Mike Kucinskas
Tina Kruse
Lee Leatherman

Maria Lehman
Suzan Lehman
Kelly Lerner

Tracie Mast
Dawn Metzler
Cheryl Miller

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Reuben Reyes
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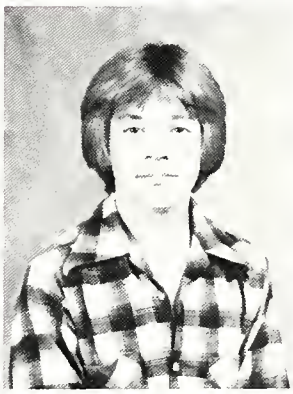
Corrine Slabaugh
Denise Slabaugh



Thad Stern
Diane Steury
Gordon Stichter

Diane Yoder
Renee Yoder
Martha Zimmerman

Dwight Schumm and Lorne Dueck

Maria Lehman

◀ Wes Graber

Linda Hochstetler

Gordon Stichter

Terry Brandeberry and Lee Leatherman

◀ Angie Farmwald

Sophomores

Row 1: Dan Bodiker, Sponsor; Roger Kurtz, Vice President; Paul Steury, President. Row 2: Linda Shetler, Sponsor; Joyce Tyson, Treasurer; Karen Yoder, Secretary.

According to Webster, the word sophomore probably comes from the Greek "moros" which means moron. This is hardly characteristic of the class of '81!

This year's sophomores are very involved, spirited, and future-minded. We have planned and executed a Halloween party and a Secret Santa name exchange. On Sophomore Day we dressed up either as little kids or as we hoped to be in the future, and had lots of fun making fools of ourselves. Over all, one could say that the "mores" have lots of "gumption".

John Bixler
Reginald Bixler
Angie Black
(First Semester)

Donna Bontrager
Roger L. Bontrager
Virginia Bontrager

Rosiland Brenneman
Jay Bufton
Soo Hyang Chae

Brenda Chupp
Linda Eckert
Tracy Farmwald

Angela Fetz
Debra Fisher
Brian Floss

Robin Garner
Michael Gingrich
Susie Glick

Carla Gunden
Jeff Hartzler
Kent Hershberger

Phil Hertzler
Rachel Hochstetler
John Hooley

John Hostetter
Grace Hunsberger
Tyrone Hunt

Carla Inbody
Belva Keene
Kendra King

Jeryl Kolb
Cheryl Kropf
Roger Kurtz

Doug Martin
Janell Martin
Jerry Martin

John Mast
Barb Meyer
Brent Miller

Eric Miller
Jane Miller
Marty Miller

Randy Miller
Sharla Miller
ViEtta Miller

Wes Mishler
Zondra Nussbaum
Nathaniel Regier

Julia Reimer
Doug Rheinheimer
Peggy Schrock

Doug Slabach
Scott Slabaugh
Susan Sleeper

Paul Steury
Ray Stutzman
Roger Swartzendruber

Joyce Tyson
Steve Voran
Tami Walters

Burnell Weaver
Arlen Welty
Jeff Wenger

Ron Whiteford
Charlotte Yoder
Karen Yoder

Karla Yoder

Janell Martin

Grace Hunsberger

Zondra Nussbaum

Roger Kurtz and Roger L. Bontrager

Juniors

Roy Hartzler, Sponsor; Lynette Hochstetler, Secretary; Rik Troyer, President; Kathy Hochstetler, Treasurer; Marvin Yoder, Sponsor; Gary Bontrager, Vice President.

In the beginning, God created a superintendent and a principal. But they were without school and students; and darkness was upon the campus.

And God said, "Let there be students," and there were. And God divided them into freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors. Of the freshmen, sophomores, and seniors He said "OOPS". But of the juniors He said "WOW", and He let them have dominion over the other students.

Now the teacher was the craftiest of the creatures. And the teacher said unto the juniors "Really, you may never get any mark but an F.". And a junior said "We may get any mark we wish, as long as we don't pass". But the teacher said "If you will only get an A, you will become very wise."

So the junior got an A, and became very wise. But, alas, he did also pass.

Just then, the superintendent came along. The junior tried to hide from him, but was found. The superintendent asked, "Why are you hiding?" The junior replied, "I have passed, but it was the teacher's fault. He taught me."

The superintendent condemned the junior to a year of being a senior.

But the teacher was the worse off. He was condemned to teach reformed sophomores.

Deborah Augsburger
Terri Blucker
DiAnn Bontrager

Ed Bontrager
Gary Bontrager
Roger A. Bontrager

Candy Bornman
Terry Bowen
Bonnie Bufton

Nora Chavez
Jay Disbro
James Dodge

Christine Eash
(First Semester)
Jonathan Eash
Marla Graybill

Steve Hanson
Cindy Hartzler
Kay Hartzler

Barb Helmuth
Chuck Hochstetler
Grace Hochstetler

Kathy Hochstetler
Lynette Hochstetler
Deb Homes

Joy Hooley
Roger Hoover
Wilbur Hostetler

Mike Howard
Eric Jeschke
Gail Kauffman

Jamie Kauffman
Dianne Kehr
Karen Krabill

Dawn Kuhns
Phyllis Lanway
(First Semester)
Ron Leatherman

Deborah Lowery
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Rene Maust

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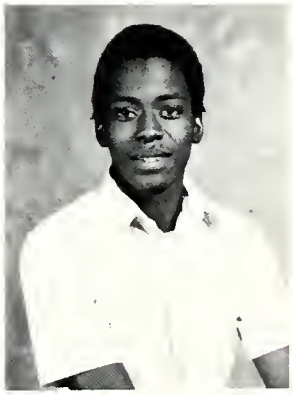
Wesley Parker



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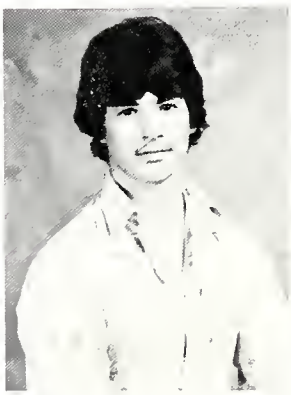

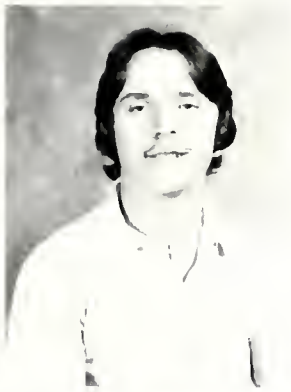

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Richele Thomas

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Carol Weirich

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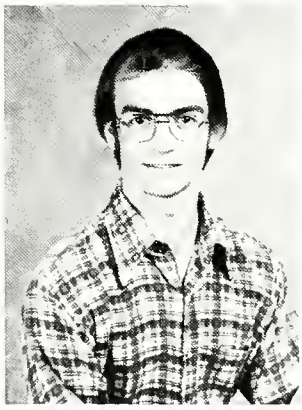

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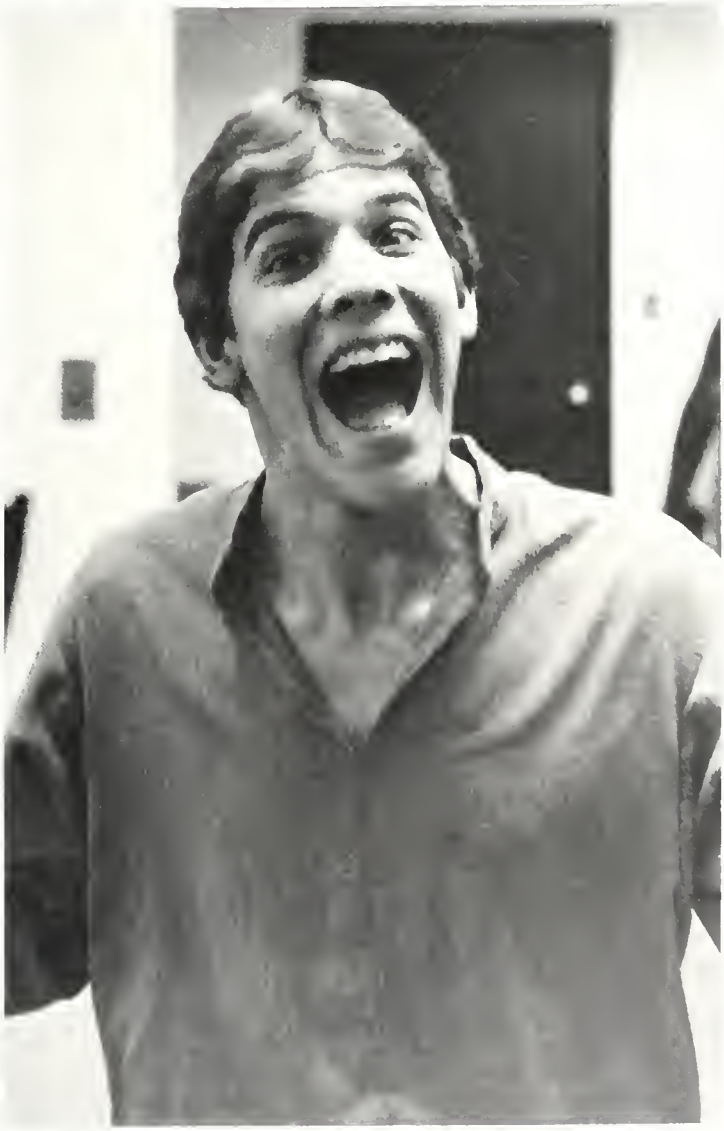


Jonathan Eash

Seniors

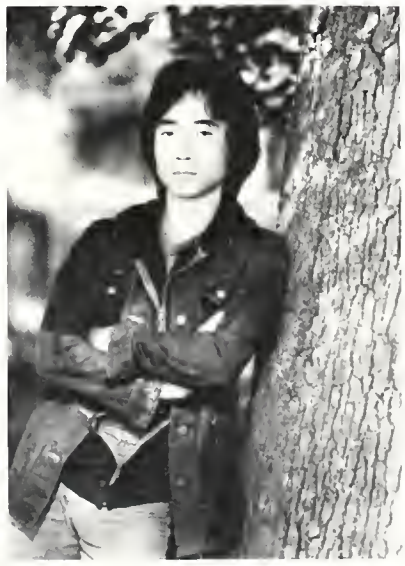
Keith Stuckey, Sponsor; Anita Maust, Treasurer; Dave Birky, President; Lori Hershberger, Secretary; Ruth Weldy, Vice President; Al Peachey, Sponsor; Mary Lehman, Business Manager (Not Pictured).

What is it that distinguishes seniors from the rest of the students? Is it that we no longer worry about being mugged in the library? Is it that we don't get excited about snow days since we have three free periods anyway? Is it that we walk the halls with blank expressions on our faces since we know all the answers and are merely biding time until graduation? Is it that we're a foot and a half taller than the rest of the underclassmen? Probably not, since, contrary to popular opinion, seniors are people too.

Yes, after several years we have finally reached the top. Next year we will start climbing at the bottom rung of a much higher ladder. Until then, high school is still on our minds. It's nice to be able to see over the top of the crowd for a while.

Pam Bechtel
Dave Birky

Jacque Boyer
Diana Boyts



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Soo Yul Chae

Thomas Charles
Mark Christner

Don Diener
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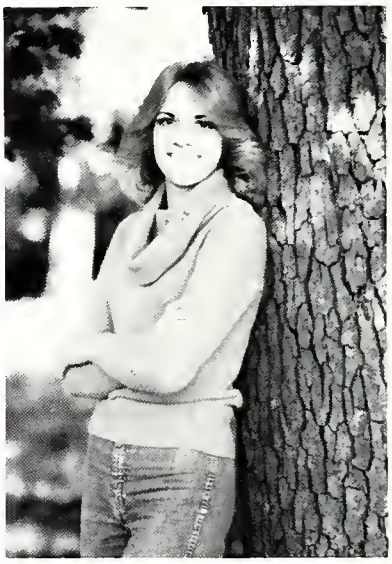
Doni Disbro
(First Semester)



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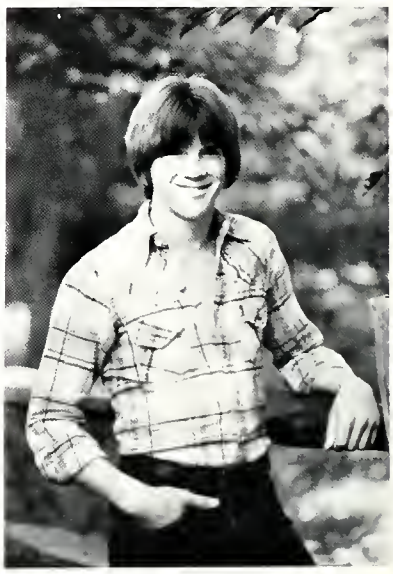

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Pauline Glenn

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Angie Graber

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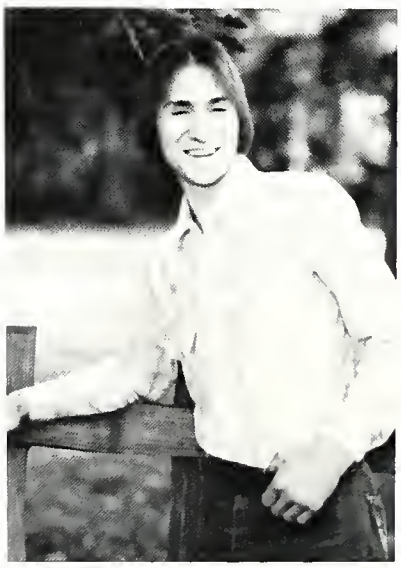

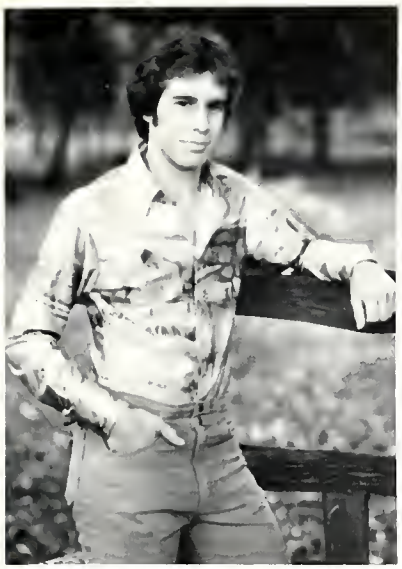

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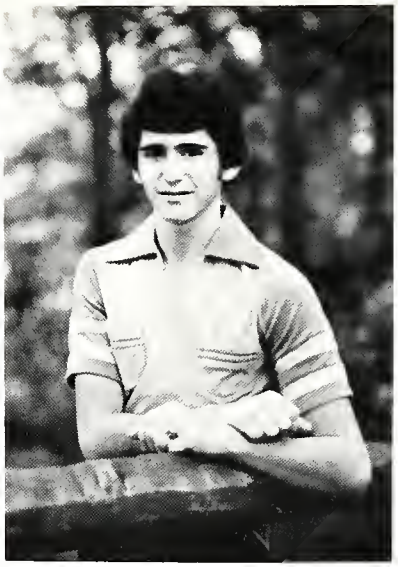

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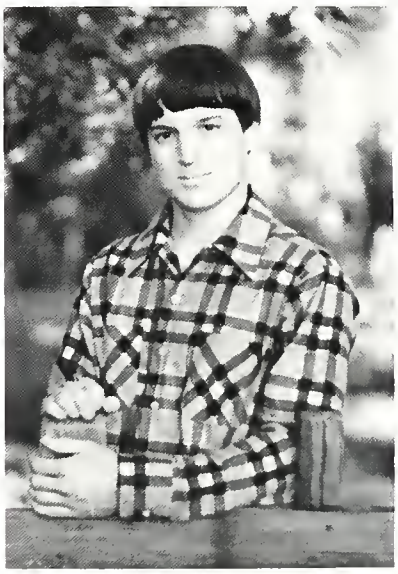

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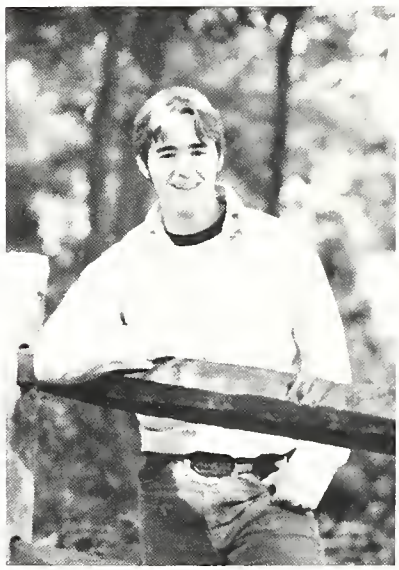

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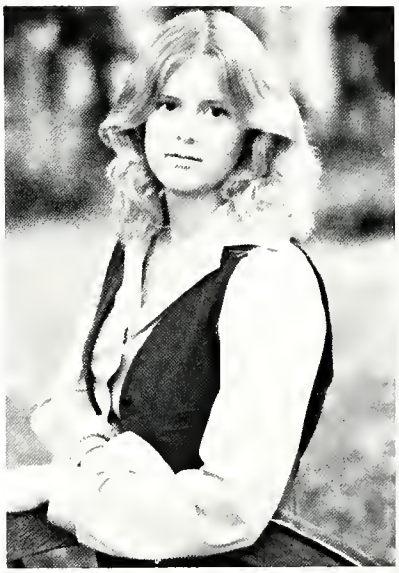

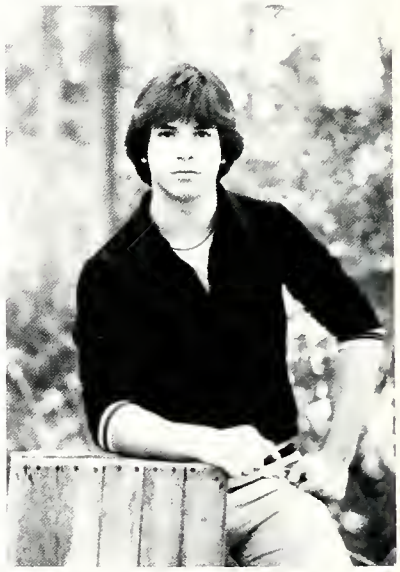

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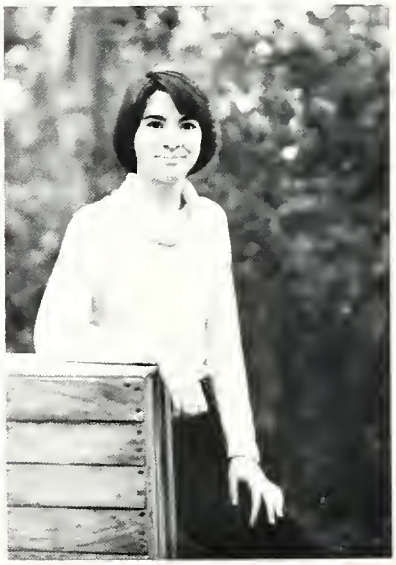

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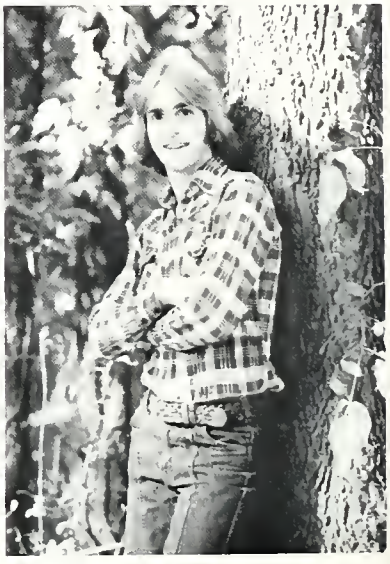

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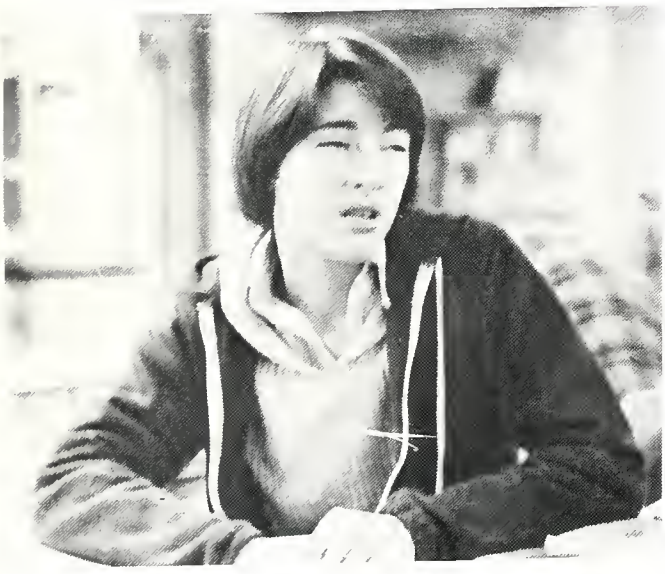

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Once Upon a Time . . .

"Gymny, that drives me crazy."

"Can you prove that?"

"The Princess Bride"

Stretch those arms!

"Am I my brother's keeper?"

"And here we have a cake!"

"Stay there while I get my brushes."

"ALS ich jung war . . ."

"La la la, loo, loo, la" ▶

"Ah, a FILICINEAE!"

In 1933 . . .

Little Mary and Company

"Having investigated the momentum of a baby carriage . . ."

Moments passed will never come again,
But their moldings guide our forward walk,
Another chance
    to grow,
        to live.
Hope lights the way to the star of our tomorrow.

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Signs By Louie

- CUSTOM ART & LOGO DESIGNS
- BADGE BUTTONS
- SILK SCREENING
- ITALIC HANDWRITING
- METAL, WOOD & PLASTIC LETTERS
- PIN STRIPING
- LETTER PAINTING
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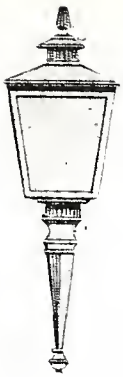

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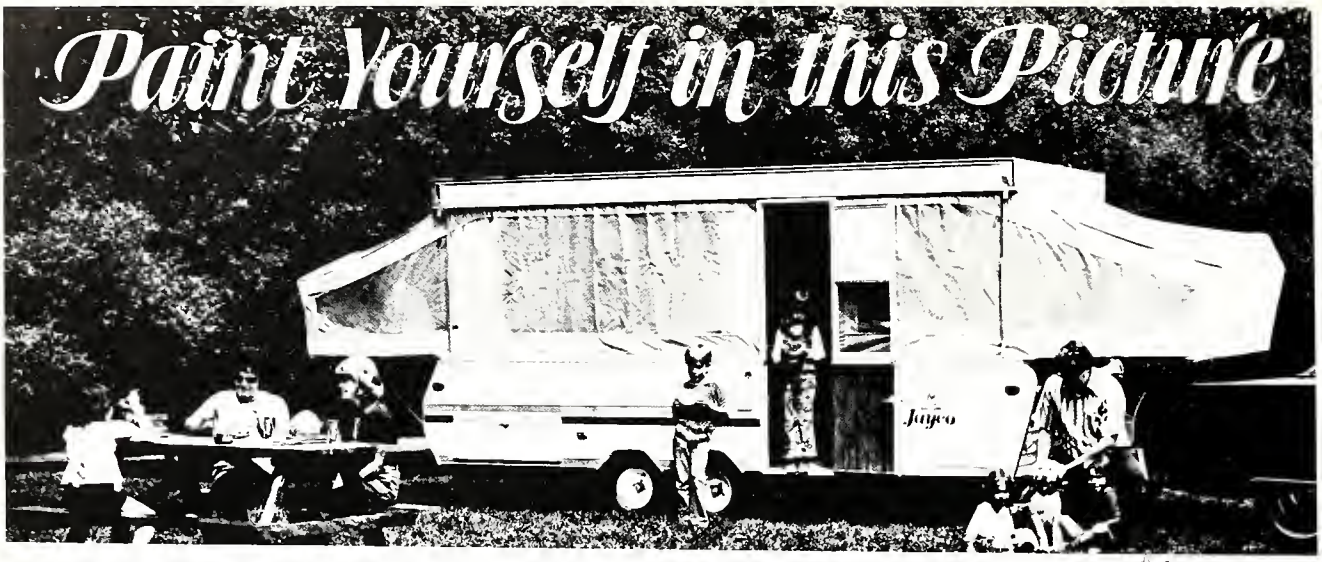

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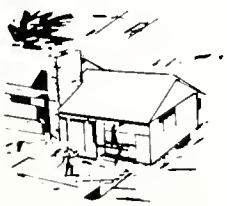

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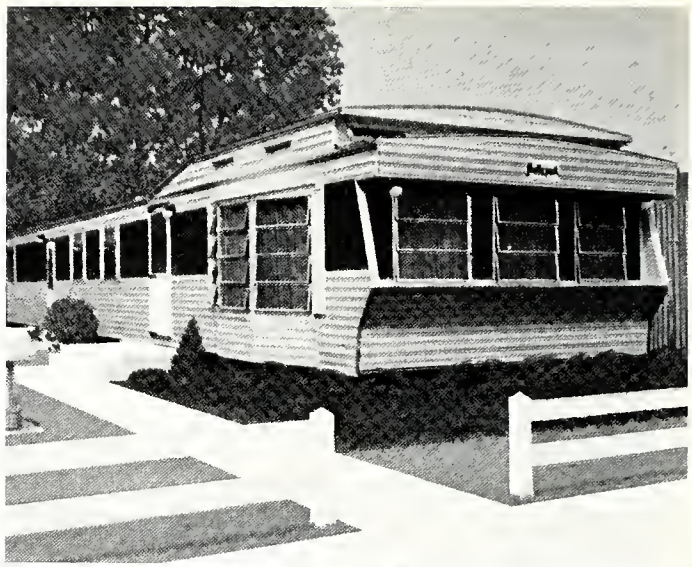

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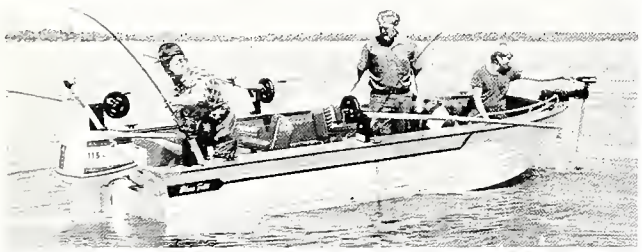

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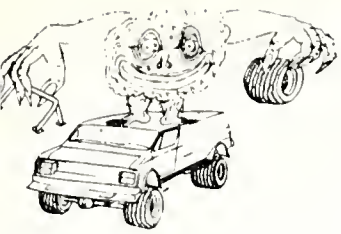

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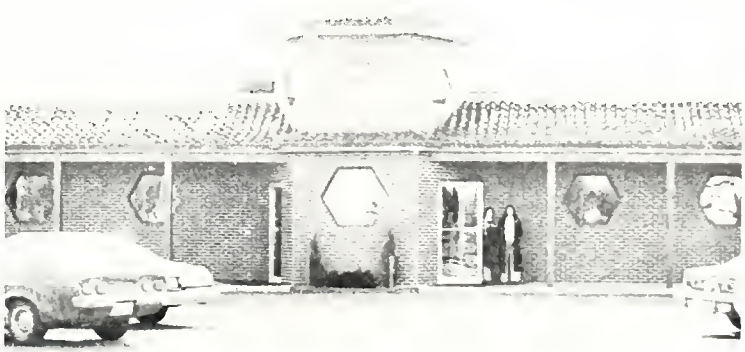

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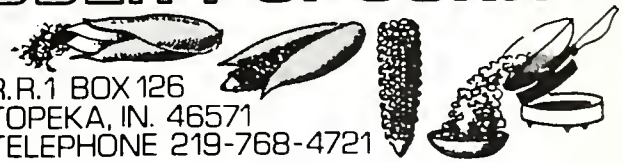

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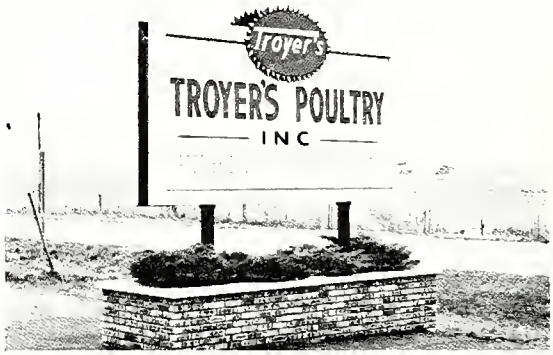

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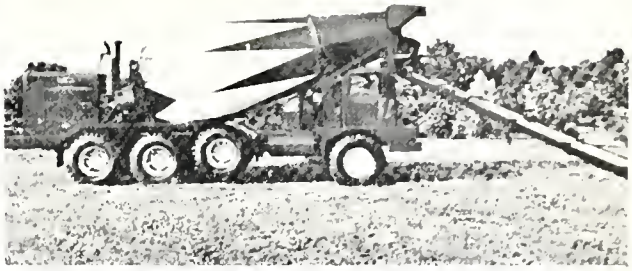

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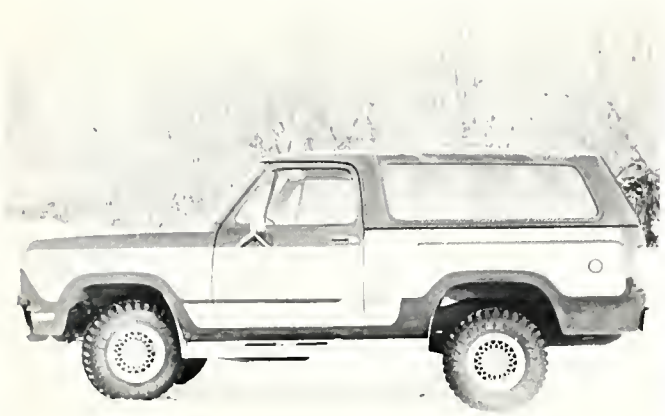

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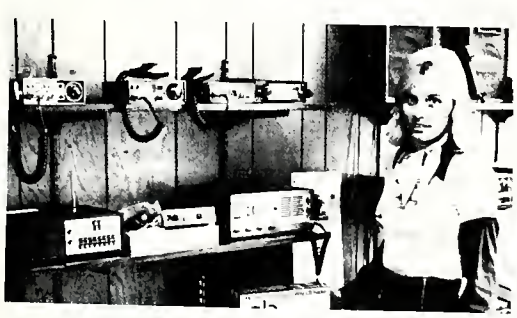

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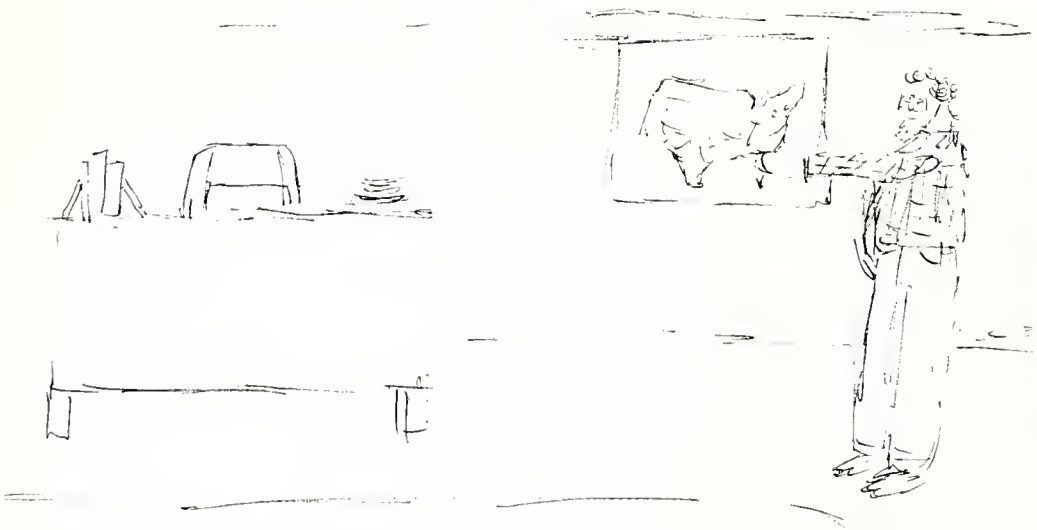

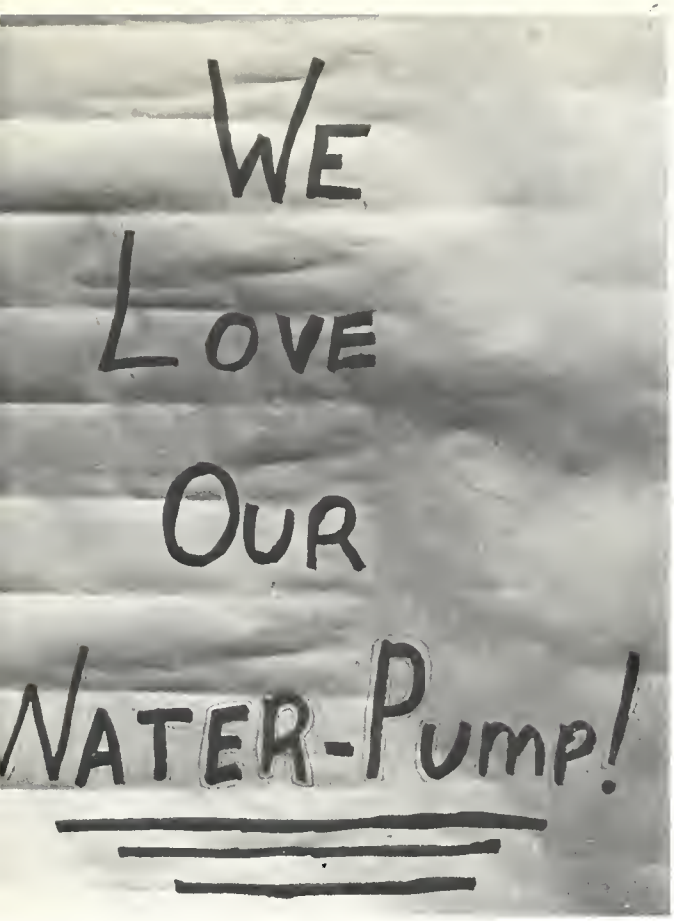
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